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Jonas Brothers Say Thanks to the Pinestone

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

After a million copies of the Jonas Brothers' third album, *A Little Bit Longer*, were sold Nick Jonas's parents knew that purchasing a piano would be the perfect 17th birthday gift. They didn't just want any ordinary white and black porcelains though; they wanted the exact piano that he wrote the single, *A Little Bit Longer* on, the lyrics encapsulating his feelings about his diagnosis of diabetes when he was 13. And it wasn't a Hollywood glitzy grand piano they purchased, it was a little unassuming piano that the Pinestone Resort had had since its conception. It was at that piano that Nick would play every night after the long days of shooting were over in the summer of 2007 on the production of Disney's *Camp Rock*. It was where he

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MPAC Provides Assurances to County Council

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"We have been accused of not being transparent."
(Valerie Jones)

Last week the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation gave County Council some reassurances about supplementary assessments and work being done on behalf of the municipalities. To some extent the presentation was being made in response to dissatisfaction voiced by municipalities about the corporation's progress in some areas this year. Judy Piggott, MPAC's Municipal Relations Representative for the Region and Valerie Jones, Account Manager, gave a brief slide presentation to bring Council up to speed on their numbers. Piggott said, "My role is to meet the requirements that the administrative staff in each of the townships have and kept them up to date on information." According to Piggott, by their March 31st deadline for reassessments, MPAC had received 1580 requests for reassessment and by September 31st they had completed 1578 of them by mid November. Piggott said that most of the requests had actually resulted in very little change (0.19 percent) in assessment. Piggott also reported that the total supplementary and omitted assessment for 2009 was equal to slightly over 110 million dollars. "I think that's a significant

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Moore Lake Zoning Request Denied

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"This is just the start of a trip to the OMB." (Jim McMahon)

After three exhaustive meetings fraught with confusion and public outcry, a request for rezoning to allow redevelopment of a Moore Lake property has been denied by the Minden Hills Council. The 2.6 acre property, owned by Verne Brinsmead, is zoned Recreational Commercial Exception 6 which allows the construction of a 30-unit motel. However, Brinsmead requested a change in the zoning to allow construction of a year round residence on the lakefront and as many as six rental cottages. The rezoning would also accept deficiencies in lot frontage and a reduction in setbacks from the lake. A public meeting was held at the end of October for Council to consider Brinsmead's application and hear arguments from a number of neighbouring property owners that addressed the sensitivity of the small lake, the fact that development had already reached capacity, that the rezoning would not be in accordance with Minden Hills' Official Plan, and that further development would have a serious impact on lake trout habitat.

While Minden Hills' planner Heather Sadler argued that the proposed development should be considered as a redevelopment of the commercial property rather than a new development, residents argued that development plans had

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Jonas Brothers Wrote Hit Song in Haliburton



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penned the single, A Little Bit Longer, and the rest as they say is history.

The Jonas Brothers quickly gained notoriety amongst pre-teens and teenagers in 2006; known for their wholesome good looks and their Christian upbringing, the boys have gathered quite a fanbase. While Hollywood is a dream away for most

they brought a little piece of stardom to Haliburton County in 2007: they returned in September to shoot the sequel, and the Pinestone management somehow managed to keep them away from flashing lightbulbs and adoring but sometimes overzealous fans.

Cynthia Romanyk, general manager of the Pinestone, said that coming to the county was a "big treat for them to have a sense of freedom; it was a really special moment for them." Romanyk got the call from the brothers' agent just before they came to the Pinestone for the second time. She says that she was "very surprised to get the call, I definitely wasn't expecting to hear from them. They said that they wanted us to ship it to California and that they would replace it with a brand new piano." The brothers also donated a platinum award with the inscription reading "presented to Pinestone Resort to commemorate RIAA certified sales of more than

1,000,000 copies of the Hollywood Records compact disc 'A Little Bit Longer'. A great many thanks to the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre from The Jonas Brothers". The plaque will be prominently displayed in the resort's lobby.

Romanyk says that she told Nick that "maybe it's the area not the piano that helped you write the song, he just laughed but I know that they really enjoyed their time here. Nick was back on the piano everyday since coming back in September." Nick told Romanyk upon his arrival in the fall that the piano had a special meaning for him: "I originally wanted to get a plaque just to have put on that piano saying that I wrote the song on it, but my family just decided to get it for me."

The celebrity magazine, People even reported on the singers' celebratory occasion and what he had received for his 17th, mentioning our small town albeit with a noticeable spelling mistake, stating that "the piano was originally located at a hotel in Haliburton, Ontario, where the Jonas Brothers filmed the first Camp Rock. Nick says "I think I'm going to put it in our office where our management team works. So that will be nice. It's a nice piece of memorabilia with lots of meaning."

Front Page: Joe and Kevin Jonas stand in front of the Kawai piano given to their younger brother Nick for his 17th birthday who sits on the bench.

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SUNDAY



Chance of flurries
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MONDAY



Chance of snow showers
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TUESDAY



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WEDNESDAY



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Acapulco	31/26/pc	31/26/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	31/24/ts	32/26/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	30/25/ts	31/25/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	28/22/pc	27/24/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/26/pc	31/26/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	31/25/pc	31/25/pc	33/26/cl
Bermuda	22/17/pc	23/17/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	29/23/su	29/23/su	29/23/na
Cancun	29/23/ts	30/24/ts	32/26/na	St Thomas	30/24/ts	31/25/pc	29/24/pc
Curacao	31/26/pc	31/24/ts	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	30/24/ts	31/24/pc	31/27/su
Freeport	26/21/ts	26/21/sh	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	30/22/ts	29/22/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/25/ts	31/23/pc	31/23/ts	San Juan	30/24/su	31/25/pc	29/23/su
Havana	28/18/ts	28/19/ts	34/24/su	San Salvador	30/21/ts	31/22/pc	32/22/su
Key West	26/20/ts	26/21/ts	25/19/pc	Santo Domingo	31/26/pc	31/25/ts	33/26/su
Kingston	31/25/ts	31/26/pc	33/32/su	Trinidad	31/26/ts	31/26/ts	32/27/ra

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Bancroft	1/-7/sn	-1/-9/sf	-2/-10/sf	-3/-11/sf	-3/-12/sn	-4/-12/pc	-4/-12/sn
Barrie	2/-6/sn	-1/-8/sf	-2/-9/sf	-2/-11/sf	-3/-11/sn	-3/-12/pc	-4/-11/sn
Dorset	1/-7/sn	-1/-9/sf	-2/-10/sf	-3/-11/sf	-3/-12/sf	-4/-12/pc	-4/-12/sn
Haliburton	1/-7/sn	-1/-9/sf	-2/-10/sf	-3/-11/sf	-3/-12/sn	-4/-12/pc	-4/-11/sn
Huntsville	1/-7/sn	-1/-9/sf	-2/-10/sf	-3/-11/sf	-3/-12/sf	-4/-12/pc	-4/-12/sn
Kingston	3/-6/sn	1/-7/sf	-1/-8/sf	-1/-9/sf	-2/-10/sn	-3/-11/pc	-3/-11/sn
Lindsay	2/-6/sn	-1/-8/sf	-2/-9/sf	-2/-10/sf	-3/-11/sn	-4/-12/pc	-4/-11/sn
Minden	1/-7/sn	-1/-9/sf	-2/-4/sf	-3/-11/sf	-3/-12/sn	-4/-12/pc	-4/-11/sn
Oshawa	3/-6/sn	1/-7/sf	-1/-8/sf	-1/-8/sf	-1/-9/sf	-2/-11/pc	-3/-9/sf
Ottawa	4/-4/mx	1/-8/sf	-1/-10/sf	-2/-10/sf	-2/-9/sf	-4/-12/cl	-5/-11/sf
Toronto	3/-5/sn	1/-7/sf	0/-7/sf	0/-7/sf	-1/-9/sf	-2/-10/pc	-3/-9/sf

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City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	Sunday Hi/Low/Otik	Monday Hi/Low/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otik
Calgary	-1/-11/su	1/-8/cl	0/-7/sf	-1/-9/pc	-3/-12/sf	-4/-14/sf	-7/-18/cl
Edmonton	-4/-14/su	-2/-7/sn	0/-4/sf	-2/-9/cl	-4/-18/cl	-9/-21/sf	-11/-23/pc
Fredericton	10/2/sh	3/-4/pc	7/-2/cl	7/-2/cl	7/-2/cl	6/-4/pc	7/-3/pc
Halifax	12/6/sh	5/-2/pc	8/3/pc	8/3/sh	8/3/pc	7/2/pc	9/4/pc
Montreal	4/-3/mx	1/-7/sf	0/-8/sf	0/-9/sf	-1/-10/sf	-3/-12/cl	-4/-11/sf
Regina	-5/-13/su	3/-8/pc	9/-1/sf	-2/-9/sf	-3/-11/sf	-4/-15/sf	-7/-19/cl
St. John's	11/7/ra	6/-1/pc	10/2/pc	7/1/cl	7/3/cl	6/3/pc	6/2/pc
Saskatoon	-4/-14/pc	3/-8/pc	3/-3/sn	-2/-9/sf	-4/-16/sn	-7/-19/sf	-9/-23/pc
Vancouver	9/3/pc	7/1/su	7/3/su	8/2/su	8/2/su	8/2/pc	10/4/sh
Whitehorse	-4/-12/sn	-5/-14/pc	-4/-9/sf	-6/-11/sn	-6/-12/pc	-7/-13/cl	-8/-15/cl
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Thursday 11/26	8°C	3°C	3.6 mm
Wednesday 11/25	9°C	5°C	5.6 mm
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Sun.	7:38 a.m./4:32 p.m.	9:48 p.m./11:15 a.m.
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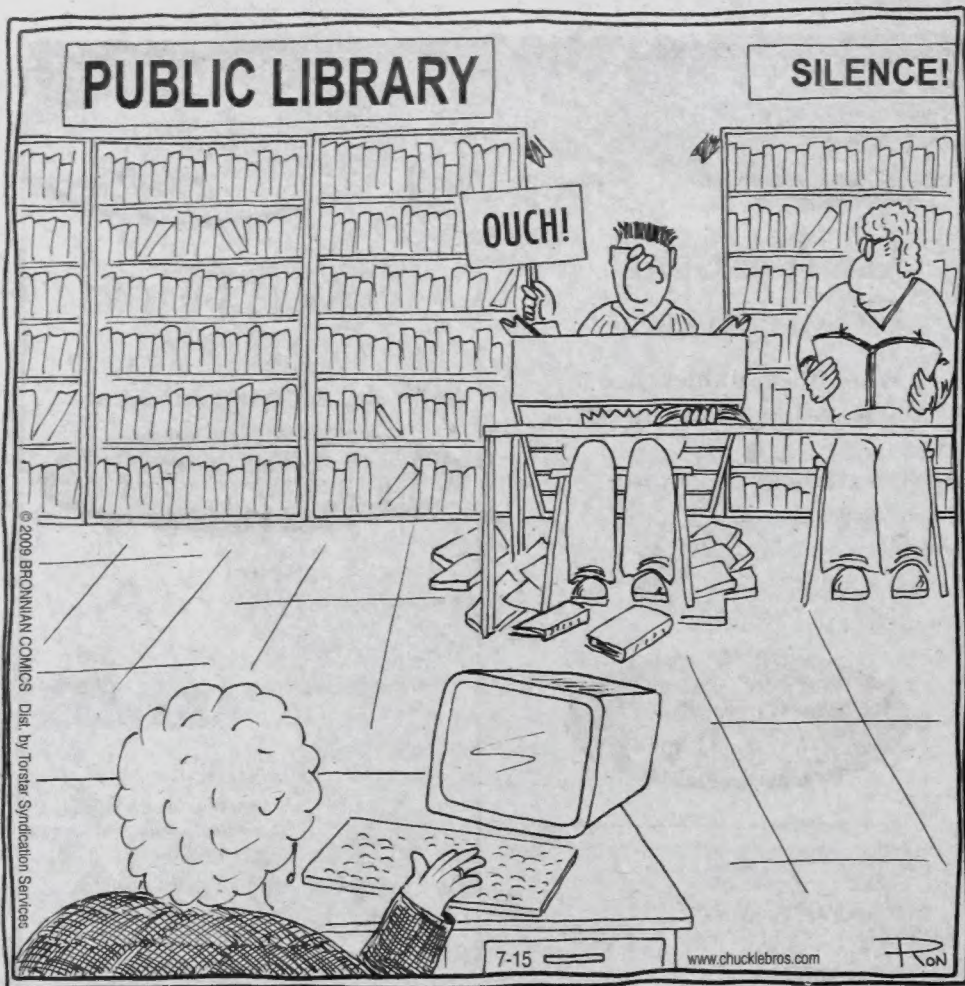
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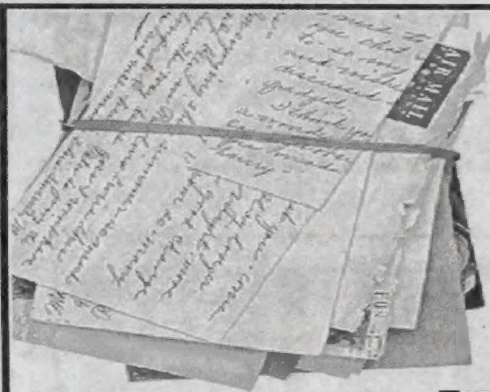
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Joan Barnes
Haliburton. ■



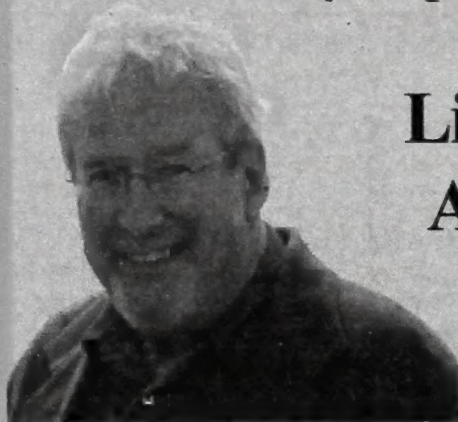
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Libraries, the Arts, and the Community

For those who might question Haliburton County's commitment to the arts, the outpouring of visible support this fall for both the Minden and Dysart Library

openings should at least give them pause. The overflow crowd in Haliburton last Sunday at the new Dysart Library was an extremely impressive demonstration of just how powerful our attachment to our local libraries is. As well, the grace and space of both buildings is also a tribute to the foresight and determination of the Minden Hills and Dysart Councils, their staffs, and their respective volunteers.

But if you look back at the history of library construction in Canadian, American, and even English and Scottish small towns, perhaps none of us should be surprised at this visceral attachment to our libraries. In the 19th and early 20th centuries local women's community groups launched well-organized campaigns for the establishment of local libraries, and according to Wikipedia, their success was in no small part due to the happy confluence of public need and the generosity of the Scottish-American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Between 1883 and 1929, the Carnegie fortune built over 2500 local libraries across the English-speaking world, as it was then known. Each local community had a say in the architectural style of its Carnegie Library, choosing from Beaux Arts, Classical Revival, Renaissance, and so on. The Carnegie foundation insisted on two aspects of the individual design: first, there should be an impressive, soaring entrance accessed by a staircase (to symbolize the personal elevation that learning would impart); and second, that there be a lantern or lamppost outside the library to symbolize enlightenment.

As children, we thought of libraries in ways not far distant from our view of our churches, ie. as an integral, if slightly mysterious and intimidating part of our social, school, and family life. Libraries represented the very breath of the eternal struggle for human advancement and civilization. The great libraries of the ancient world were among its Seven Wonders: they were simultaneously the proof of academic freedom and excellence, and a mighty bulwark against authoritarianism in all its forms.

So, perhaps, no wonder that those women's groups of over a century ago and the stern Scot Carnegie, determined the destiny of the vast fortune.

But we live in an age of unprecedented private and public access to information in all its forms, and there have been clear voices in Haliburton County who seriously wondered why any public monies should be spent on bricks and mortar when so much content is available free, on the Internet. Well, firstly, the modern library is deeply connected with the cyber world, and has adapted its methods and modes of operation brilliantly to reflect that world. Secondly, these modern libraries provide an invaluable service for many people, young and old, who have no home-access to the Internet or who are frustrated by intermittent or deadly slow connections. And thirdly, there is still no effective, free public Internet access to the vast world of millions of books that have been published over the centuries. What the modern library does is to ensure that essential access to everyone – and at the same time to provide the most up-to-date electronic data bases imaginable. For readers, students, listeners, and the simply curious of all ages, the library is-if anything as essential to the sense of the public good as it ever was. Libraries are, finally, among the most potent symbols and guarantors of democracy we have.

Hearty congratulations to our local councils, politicians, civil servants, volunteers, and of course the librarians themselves, for understanding what an essential place these institutions, these public spaces, have in our towns, and in our civil and intellectual life. And for fighting so hard to ensure their vibrant and beautiful survival. ■

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"Who's on first?" (from the audience)

not been made clear, calling the property and development plans a 'moving target.'

Concerns were also raised by members of the public about the location of a new septic system, erosion, drainage and tree removal, not to mention additional traffic and the fact that the property is presently up for sale adding to concerns that new owners may wish to take the development further than what was being proposed.

Sadler advised Council that, while only six percent of the property had been developed to date, the existing zoning allowed up to 30 percent lot coverage. As part of the proposed by-law, Sadler recommended a reduction to a maximum of 10 percent coverage. This became a key factor in the decision making process.

Brinsmead was present at the October public meeting and argued that he hadn't created drainage problems. He also said that any work on the property had been done legally and with the benefit of permits at all times and suggested that the development of five or six seasonal cottages would create far less impact than a motel. Brinsmead took exception to the recommendation for a reduction in lot coverage.

Deciding on the rezoning request was deferred in order to allow Sadler an opportunity to prepare a planning report for Council's consideration.

The request for rezoning was on the agenda again at Council's November 12th Committee of the Whole meeting and once again, most of the Moore Lake residents were in attendance to hear Sadler's response to their concerns. Sadler spoke to each of the concerns in a written report, but said that while they were clearly important to those who had raised them, they didn't appear to have raised any substantive planning issues. It was Sadler's position that the draft by-law was consistent with the Official Plan and with the Provincial Policy Statements.

The matter was left to the November 26th Council meeting for a vote and, once again many of the Moore Lake cottagers were in attendance. Three of them (Mary Davies, Ed Russo and Peter Gray) had asked to address Council again on the proposed by-law. Brinsmead, who was not present at the meeting, had submitted a request for a compromise, allowing a maximum of twenty percent lot coverage rather than the recommended ten percent.

Prior to hearing the delegations, Councillor Peter Oyler raised a point of procedure. The Planning Act allows Council to consider all verbal deputations at the public meeting and any written submissions prior to passage of the by-law, but arguments made by delegations outside of the public meeting would not be considered should the matter end up before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). While the Clerk had received and approved the requests by the residents to speak at the meeting, and Council recognized that the delegations had travelled some distance to be in attendance, there was some concern that by making further arguments before Council, they may compromise any future efforts should the issue go to the OMB level.

After a brief recess, the delegates advised Reeve Jim McMahon that they would not to speak further on the matter. In response to their decision, Oyler suggested that Council deal with the letter from Brinsmead and the request for rezoning to reduce the audience's wait time.

Oyler also inquired whether the letter, in any way, stepped outside of the process or if Council would be required to hold another public hearing. While Sadler responded that any written submissions could be considered up to the time of passing the by-law, she also said that Council could decide, without any recourse, whether another public meeting should be called or not.

McMahon read Brinsmead's letter for the benefit of the public and as there was no further discussion, Council considered one of two resolutions; one to deny the subsequent request for 20 percent lot coverage and another to consider the rezoning by-law. Councillor Barbara Reid asked for a recorded vote.

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch voiced concerns about the matter going to the OMB. Sadler advised that should passage of the by-law with the 10 percent coverage be appealed, the OMB would have a choice whether a new by-law should be introduced or not. "If the Township is successful, it will only allow for 10 percent lot coverage. However, if Mr. Brinsmead is successful it will remain at 30 percent coverage."

Considerable discussion was held on the percentage of lot coverage being considered and how Council's decision would play out if the matter went to the OMB. There appeared to be a calculated risk in turning the request for rezoning down as Brinsmead could still proceed with a motel development which would create a much larger impact.

The resolution, dealing with the 20 percent coverage was read three times before a vote was taken which unanimously denied the request.

The second resolution, dealing with the rezoning by-law itself, which included a 10 percent lot coverage restriction, was then read, but Reid asked for further discussion.

"I would like to make it clear that this is not about percentages, but is about the new buildings being proposed for the property. Rather than redevelopment, it is about new development that no one wants but Mr. Brinsmead," she said.

Despite her comments, the entire Council voted in favour of the resolution with the exception of Reid. However, Oyler immediately moved to reconsider the vote as everyone seemed to be confused.

At this point, someone in the audience was heard saying "Who's on first?" and another "What the heck is going on?"

The resolution was read again. Sadler reviewed the intent of the by-law which was to allow a tourist establishment that includes an accessory dwelling and additional buildings to a maximum of 10 percent lot coverage, subject to site plan control. She said that the by-law would recognize existing buildings and then said, "It allows a new building accessory to something that does not yet exist, but would be supported based on the OP and Provincial Policy Statements." She said, "Your alternate is not to pass the by-law and existing zoning will stand."

Reid said, "The proposed percentages are a red herring. It's a case of the dish running away with the spoon. Given the proposal, it is highly unlikely that the property would ever go to 30 percent. Buildings would have to come down to achieve that. The issue is, do we allow the change (in zoning) or not."

The resolution considered denying passage of the by-law on the basis that 'the recommended

10 percent coverage represented good planning, but was opposed by the applicant.' Reid suggested striking the 10 percent explanation and said, "This is like negative option marketing. We should simply have a resolution to approve the by-law."

Which is exactly what happened next. Murdoch and Councillors Bill Obee and Rick Ratcliff voted in favour of approving the by-law, but Councillor Lisa Schell, Reid, Oyler and Reeve McMahon voted against it.

Resounding applause was heard from the floor, but McMahon commented, "This is not the end of it. It is simply the start of a trip to the OMB."

Whether this is the end of the matter remains to be seen. ■

Rotary donates \$4000 to HHHSF while Crediting Community Partnerships

The Minden Rotary Club presented the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation with a cheque for \$4000 at their meeting on Monday evening. President Joanna Penfold stressed that the source of the funding, Art in the Village, although hosted by Rotary was a perfect example of how community groups could work together for the betterment of the community. ■



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Village Barn Rebuilds, Some Businesses to Re-locate

Zoe Cittern
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"I'm not a negative person life happens, you just have to laugh sometimes" smiles Dani Smolen owner of the Tutu Cafe one of the businesses

damaged in the Village Barn on October 8th. Her positive attitude has meant that she has rebuilt her business and hopes to open in early December in her new location, in the lower level of Stedmans' mall, directly next to the Voice offices. "I actually looked at this location prior to moving into the Village Barn, I was only seeking out temporary locations as I had a permanent location secured elsewhere as it wasn't ready yet." Dani decided in the end to move and stay with the Village Barn, Anthony vanLieshout was really good to me, he was a great landlord." Dani had been at the location for a year when the fire happened.

Since the fire Dani was unsure of the future of the business, "I just spent that month deciding what I would do, whether I would wait until the Village Barn reopened or to close or to find a new place. It was all up in the air." Dani's current location is a few doors down from the Heritage Ballet Studio for whom she is currently designing and making costumes for the upcoming performance of the Nutcracker.

"It's a really good location as it's near the dance studio so I'll have more traffic." The space also means that she'll be able to sew and design costumes from the studio so her pieces can be housed in just one area. Dani also intends on holding 'build your own tutu' birthday parties and the new space will be able to accommodate events like these.

Dani says that she has learnt from what happened and has made sure that her insurance plan is more

secure, "it's made me aware of how businesses are structured and the terms and conditions of insurance plans."

After her three young daughters who were enrolled in dance classes needed costumes she started helping out making costumes for shows.

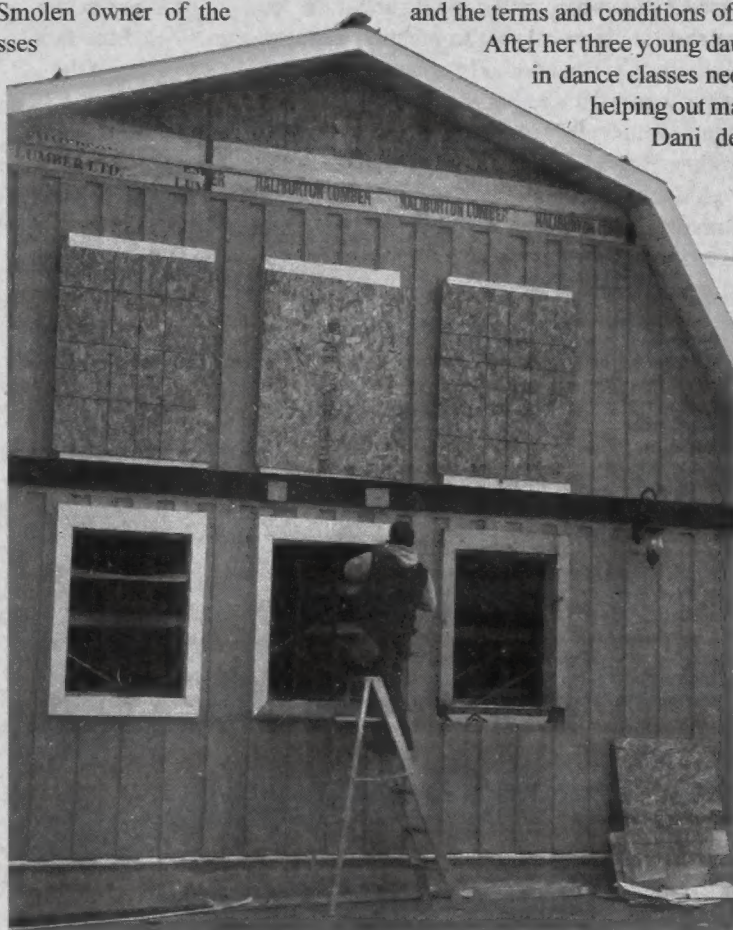
Dani designs and makes all of the tutus that are in her store and are truly one of a kind pieces. She undertook intensive two week courses for three summers in North Carolina and learnt the craft of creating tutus and costumes. "They were 12 or 14 hour days but I learnt so much from it." Dani has recently began designing and creating wedding dresses, her last one involved 5,844 Swarovski crystals which she hopes to display in the store when its back up and running again.

Other businesses relocated: RBC are currently above Village Donuts and Cottage Dreams moved to

the offices above Dr Smolen and said that they "are slowly getting stuff back that they lost in the fire or that was smoke damaged." They will be moving back into the Barn when the renovations are completed.

Anthony vanLieshout the owner of the Village Barn says that "by the end of December the barn should be back to normal, businesses should be able to move in in January. It's going to be awesome, it will be like nothing you've seen before." There are spaces available in the newly refurbished barn, two offices in the upstairs portion, which according to vanLieshout are "really special areas, along with the spaces that used to be occupied by RBC and the Tutu Cafe the businesses that won't be coming back." Franka Andriano of Frankas Cafe future is still undecided as she ponders her next step, Haliburton residents will surely miss her homemade treats and lunches if she decides not to return.

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Melvin Zwaig Honoured by Haliburton Health

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation dedicated a garden bench in memory of their late board member, Melvin C. Zwaig on Monday, November 30th. The bench was a sign of recognition of the tireless commitment to the board that Mr. Zwaig had given since 2000. The chartered accountant championed the HHHSF largest fundraiser, the Rotary Charity Golf Classic for five years and under his impassioned leadership the event grew steadfastly, netting an average of \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year.

The bench will be housed in the fireplace lobby in the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Minden site and in the warmer months it will be moved outside. ■

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter



Back row from left to right- Lisa Tompkins, Don Poppel, Marg Fielding, David Zilstra, Steve Todd, Hugh Nichol, Jim Mitchell, chair Peter Oyler, front row: Marilynne Robertson and executive director, Dale Walker.



**"It can be a slow
process." (Valerie
Jones)**

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amount of revenue for the County." But Piggott assured Council that they were still working in the area so the numbers will increase by year end.

Piggott also reviewed the total number of building permits that had been issued over the last four years and how many of them remained active.

Jones reported that the work being done in the field now will reflect on the assessment rolls for next year. She said, "We have four inspectors working diligently in the area." According to Jones, the good weather had allowed their inspectors to complete more work later in the year.

Jones said that MPAC was trying to build better partnerships, particularly in the rural areas where properties can be difficult to access. She said, "We're working with the by-law officers on outstanding permits, but sometimes it can be a slow process." Jones reminded the Council that they could only assess properties once the use of a development commenced, but acknowledged that MPAC was behind on building permits overall across the province. She also reported that Municipal Relations Representatives would be meeting with the building inspectors to prioritize completed permits.

Jones said, "We have been accused of not being transparent, so we have committed to re-inspections to ensure that nothing is being overlooked." She confirmed that they had deployed additional resources to serve their customers. Like a true salesman, Jones said, "It is important to us to tell the customer that we understand their concerns." But she also said that things had changed in 2009 and MPAC was looking at where they were allocating their resources to get outstanding building permits completed.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said that he was grateful for MPAC's September blitz, given the importance of having current taxation. Fearrey also commented that "based on the appeals and readjustments it looks like you are wrong about half of the time."

In response Jones said that in some cases there could have been errors, but added that there could also have been changes to the properties; "secondary buildings being torn down or depreciation from deferred maintenance."

Fearrey said, "I understand that our municipalities report each time there is a completed permit." Piggott confirmed that MPAC was receiving reports when final inspections had been completed or when there is ongoing construction to be considered, but added that in some cases the final inspections are not being requested by the owners.

Fearrey said, "Each year we seem to be playing catch up and I'm glad to hear that you have people in the field this year." He asked why there was no open assessment roll and Jones said that created some logistical problems with municipal billing. Jones said that there were considerable savings associated with doing things on a broader scale. "We save millions on bulk mailing."

Fearrey also inquired why an assessor would come to Haliburton to do an hour's work. "Would it not be better to send someone to an area for two or three days to do all the required work, rather than working for four hours a day given the travel requirements?"

Jones confirmed that MPAC was already considering that.

Recognizing that it might be only his opinion, Fearrey also suggested that MPAC dispense with mail outs of Christmas cards to all the municipal councils along with expensive glossy financial statements. "You could put more people in the field with that money. It's a waste of taxpayer's dollars."

Piggott said that they would take Fearrey's comments under advisement. ■

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SIRCH Community Services Celebrates 20 Years

By Zoe Cittern

SIRCH held an anniversary gala last Friday night, November 27th, at Minden Community Centre to celebrate and commend the organisation and its many volunteers who work tirelessly for Haliburton County. SIRCH runs community based programs which aim to benefit vulnerable residents at the end or beginning of their lives.

Curtis Eastmure, treasurer of the board of directors at SIRCH began the event by congratulating jeweller Erin Lynch who was the project manager for the event and SIRCH's social marketer Nancy Brownsberger for putting the Gala together. Eastmure commended Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH, for her past 20 years at the organisation. Robertson said that "it was interesting looking back over the many years. We are truly a community based organisation; everything we do is with community partners and volunteers. Over 500 volunteers have contributed their time to the past 20 years and we couldn't be the organisation we are today without their support." She added that she "recognised the incredible way that SIRCH has embedded itself into the community. It is my privilege to have worked here for the past 20 years."

The local band the Moontones played for the evening, a raffle was hosted which sold three gift baskets, 10 small Christmas trees decorated by local businesses and a 50/50 draw. Two cakes which were designed and baked by Judy Carpenter of Classy Cakes were donated to the event and Karen Frybort of McKecks donated a beautiful painting which was sold at a silent auction later on in the evening. MP Barry Devolin showed his support as well at the event. The Gala also kicked off a Christmas fair over the weekend at the community centre. Local artisans and businesses sold Christmas delights and treats including those from Whispers North in Minden, Wintergreen maple products, homemade gifts from Fleming College students, jewellery from Bella's Bazaar from The Art Hive and many, many more.



Bethany Houghton and Kris Kadwell of the band 'The Moontones' entertains the crowd at the Gala; pictured without their bass player Ian Payne.



Executive director Gena Robertson

Nancy said that the Gala was a "huge success and we would like to thank the community and vendors, the volunteer committee, the board of directors and many, many community members that donated to the event. We couldn't have done it without them." ■



MC for the evening and treasurer of the board of the directors at SIRCH; Curtis Eastmure.



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Minden Hills Council Consider Fire Agreements

Last week Minden Hills Fire Chief Doug Schell reviewed a number of changes that he proposed to incorporate into the fire agreements that the municipality has in place with the City of Kawartha Lakes, Dysart et al and Algonquin Highlands. Schell's goal was to institute cost saving measures and establish agreements that detail similar responsibilities but Council wasn't buying into the proposal.

In the City of Kawartha Lakes agreement, Minden Hills pays a \$7,000 annual standby fee plus \$1200 an hour for callouts. Schell proposed redefining fire callouts to only include buildings, thereby eliminating brush fires, hydro lines, motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) and other miscellaneous calls and reported that Kawartha Lakes had agreed to the changes.

In the Dysart agreement, Minden Hills pays \$500 for each call and there is no change proposed to this fee. Dysart will no longer respond to MVA's or medical calls but will be covering structural fires and motor vehicle fires as well as grass and forest fires. This agreement is only waiting for signatures.

Schell reported that the primary change involved Algonquin Highlands. To date, the municipality has paid the Algonquin Highlands fire department a \$5,000 standby fee, but the new agreement proposes changing the terms to match the agreement with Dysart. A \$500 fee would be paid for fire related calls with the exception of the Pine Springs area where Algonquin Highlands would respond to all calls.

Schell advised Council that Algonquin Highlands was not in agreement with the changes and in fact had reacted quite strongly. He said that he and Councillor Rick Ratcliff had met with the Algonquin Highlands Fire Chief, as well as the Reeve and CAO to see if they could come up with a solution but no agreement was reached during the meeting.

"We would not have considered this 10 years ago, but with the new 911 system the ambulance is called out first," Schell also reported that he believed with Minden Hills covering these calls, the additional response time would be minimal.

Schell also provided a summary of the savings that could be realized by streamlining the agreements which amounted to slightly more than \$13,000 overall when considering additional revenue to the municipality from responding to all of the MVA's. He recommended that Council proceed with the renewal of the Algonquin Highlands agreement as amended with them responding only to fire calls.

Reeve Jim McMahon asked if that was what Algonquin Highlands objected to. Schell confirmed that their primary concern was Minden's response time to medical calls. "To me, there is only a slight difference; a maximum of five minutes in added time," Schell later clarified this, saying that the response times for EMS depended on whether or not they were in the area.

Councillor Barbara Reid asked, "If we agree are we introducing a different level of service."

Schell clarified that Minden doesn't provide any service to other areas other than mutual aid calls. He said, "The agreements are only for them to cover certain areas of our municipality and nothing has changed with respect to the provision of fire coverage."

Councillor Peter Oyler, trying to gain a better understanding of the criticism from Algonquin Highlands, asked if there would be any change in fire responses as defined or added danger to life and limb and Schell confirmed that there would be no change.

Becoming a bit more specific, Oyler asked, "Is it safe to say that with the change there is no increased risk to human life given Minden's proposed response time?" To this Schell responded, "Their Fire Chief says that the probability is 50/50 that the ambulance would arrive on the scene first." He added that from Minden Hills to Carnarvon there would be an additional five minutes with Minden Hills responding.

More questions were asked about response times to various locations. Councillor Bill Obee asked, "If there is a medical emergency in Algonquin Highlands and an EMS response, where do they come from?" Schell responded that they could be coming from Minden, Haliburton, or sometimes even Stanhope and that there were times when the fire department arrived on the scene first.

Reid suggested that with the fire department being first on the scene 50 percent of the time, she considered the proposal to be high risk, particularly when all that was being saved was \$5,000 in standby fees.

McMahon was concerned that the Reeve of Algonquin Highlands was upset about the changes. Again he asked, "Is it the money or the response times?"

Schell responded that he felt it was a combination of things. He said they were concerned with both the response time for medical calls and the money, but added that they had a personal interest in an area where they had provided coverage for 20 years or more.

Ratcliff, however, stated that money was the issue. According to Ratcliff, while Harrison commented that there should be no degradation in response times, she had also said that negotiation of funds would be difficult and her Council would not support removing the \$5,000 standby fee from the agreement. Ratcliff maintained that Algonquin Highlands were making money on the standby fee and that the fee could be cut in half to match their costs.

According to Ratcliff, the overall philosophy is that the Fire Department's main purpose is fires and that nothing from the Fire Marshall's office suggested that other services had to be provided. He also said, "We have always complained about being called out to medical calls with no reimbursement and we're trying to tighten things up and make some savings." Having said that Ratcliff also agreed that further negotiation and review would be considered.

"I am torn on this issue. I can see what is being proposed, but I can also see the down side."

Reid said, "If there is a chance to negotiate a standby fee it would change things for me. Each month we look at reports indicating that the department responds to a lot of MVAs and medical calls. We should make an attempt to find a way to maintain the same agreement at a cost that makes sense for Minden Hills."

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Councillor Bill Obee said that he could not agree to the changes if there was a 50/50 chance that the Algonquin Highlands fire department would arrive on the scene of a medical call prior to EMS. He said, "I commend your attempts to save money, but I feel that keeping the responses as is, is the way to go. Five minutes, 50 percent of the time could be sufficient to create a problem and we want to supply the best service that we can."

Oyler commented that money was always an issue, but they could not put a price on human life. "I concur with the thoughts around the table," he said. Oyler also said, "Doug should renegotiate the fee, but the service should remain the same. I will not support a reduction in hard services like fire and assisted medicals."

All of Council agreed with this sentiment and McMahon asked Schell to consider the 'good neighbour policy.' ■

Green Party Candidate Visits Minden

by Lyn Winans

Susanne Lauten, the recently nominated Green Party candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock was at the RD Lawrence Place in Minden on Saturday afternoon to meet and talk to local residents. Although the sustainable building may have seemed like an appropriate location for a Green candidate to meet the public, she likely would have had an opportunity to meet more people if she'd been downtown during the parade, or at the community center where crowds gathered for the SIRCH trade show.

When asked what her top three priorities for Haliburton County were, Lauten immediately cited protection of the people and their habitat as foremost, her second priority was the creation of sustainable jobs. After an extended pause she stated that she would like to see true democracy restored. "The Green Party believes that the power belongs to the people, and that government is elected to serve the people, Canada is one of the few remaining democracies using first past the post as opposed to proportional representation."

Susanne Lauten, a cottage-resident of Haliburton County for 15 years, founded Cottagers Against Uranium Mining and Exploration (CUME) which opposes exploration and mining of uranium in Haliburton and the Kawarthas. In doing so, she aided changes to the Ontario Mining Act, which will help protect property owners who do not own mineral rights to their land.

Given that "Greens" are considered a one-faceted party by some, I couldn't resist asking this retired, small business owner about the economy. It took approximately half of a second before a binder containing 120 pages of economic policy was placed in front of me. The same information can be found at www.greenparty.ca. When questioned about the recent introduction of the HST, Lauten responded that the blended tax should be lowered to compensate for the items that previously were not taxed, that it should be more revenue neutral.

The Green Party is relatively new compared to the mainstream Canadian political parties. Its members may be somewhat naïve and untested, although certainly not uninformed. A lack of connectedness to the old boy network, and a sincere desire to actually talk, and listen to constituents, could be the greatest factor working in their favour.

Why else would Susanne Lauten, a Green candidate decide to attend and speak uninvited at an ANTI wind farm meeting in Bethany recently? At the risk of being lynched, or at least boo-ed and run out of town, Lauten did exactly that. After an initially frigid welcome, Lauten claimed that attitudes changed when residents realized that they were being listened to, and in fact, being agreed with in some instances, especially when it came to the controversial issue surrounding setback allowances that separate wind turbines and residential areas. Apparently setback distances range from 550m to 1.5km in different areas, which is inconsistent and unfair according to Bethany residents. It didn't hurt either that Lauten was the only politician who bothered to attend what is presently a hot topic issue in Bethany, even although she hadn't been invited.

No Green Party candidate has yet been elected to the federal or provincial level of government in Canada; hence the Greens are not presently a threat to traditional parties. Although it seems unlikely that the Green Party will form a government any time soon, voters may find it refreshing to discuss their concerns with politicians who have not yet been molded by the old political establishment. As Lauten notes, "the popularity of the Green movement is growing." It's difficult to deny that the seed has been planted and undoubtedly the party will benefit from the ever-growing eco-consciousness of the times. ■



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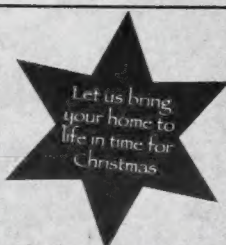
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Algonquin Highlands Loses Property to Municipality

"We should try to rectify something that has been going on for years and do it in a friendly fashion." (Don Shortreed)

By accepting without complaint that his property was being taken over inch by inch by a snow plow over the years, a Dorset resident has effectively lost a nine foot strip of his corner lot. And absolutely no compensation is being considered for his loss.

Garth Greenaway approached the Algonquin Highlands Council in July with concerns that the boundary of his property has eroded over time primarily because of winter plowing. The plow had damaged his lawn and trees on an ever increasing encroachment by the municipality onto his property.

During the discussion CAO Lorne Mitchell referred to sections of the Municipal Act and the Statute of Limitations indicating that if there had been consistent use of a piece of property for 10 years or more without comment or complaint by the property owner, implied ownership of that strip of property could be assumed by the user, in this case the municipality.

The need for additional information and concerns over making a precedent setting decision caused the Council to defer the matter.

Last week, the Council again reviewed correspondence from Greenaway, who was asking for the matter to be resolved. The letter had been copied to Greenaway's solicitor. As Greenaway was unable to speak at the meeting he had authorized Councillor Don Shortreed to speak on his behalf.

Greenaway's solution to the matter was that the Township install a rock wall at their expense along the encroached boundary of the property to prevent further encroachments and erosion, that the Township pay the cost of a survey of the new property line and have the appropriate papers prepared for Greenaway to sign, deeding the encroached triangle of property over to the Township.

On review of this second request, Reeve Eleanor Harrison commented that she saw no change, or rationale to agree with Greenaway's request.

Shortreed, acknowledged the municipality's right to claim the property, but said that he disagreed with that approach "knowing the history of the property and the fact that it has always been contentious." Shortreed said that it was unfortunate that Greenaway's father had allowed the problem to go on for years without realizing the implications and urged Council to reconsider.

Shortreed argued with Brian Whetstone's (Manager of Operations) opinion that placement of the rocks could be costly, as the municipality already had the material and Greenaway was willing to do the landscaping. As to precedent, Shortreed said, "All we're doing is getting out of litigation. We should try to rectify something that has been going on for years and do it in a friendly fashion."

Harrison said, "But we would be setting a precedent. We have no idea how many corners we have cut off." Harrison quietly added that her own corner had also been cut off.

"So you think that is fine?" Shortreed asked.

Harrison argued that there was at least one other property that had been in the same situation, where the owners put in their own stone fence. As to her own property, she said that she didn't particularly care about it. She said, "I knew it and had a survey to prove it, but I still don't care."

Councillor Diane Griffin said, "It's unfortunate that this has happened on private property, but we have assumed it by plowing the corner for years and years."

Councillor Carol Moffatt said that she had looked at the

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

property and agreed that it was an unfortunate situation. She said, "I can see both sides of this situation, but you don't just place a few rocks and call it a rock wall.

That could be a problem in the future. Building a rock wall is costly." Moffatt said that by building the wall there could be potential for ongoing problems with the snow plows." She said, "I think we should stay from stone walls. The houses are stuck in there cheek by jowl and I don't see that a rock wall will be better for us."

Harrison, however, said, "If (Greenaway) decides to put up a rock wall himself, that would be OK, but for us to do it ... I don't know."

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner questioned where the snow would be placed if there were boulders installed. Whetstone advised that to date snow had been pushed up on Greenaway's corner. He suggested that snow could be dumped further along the road, but added that would create a bit of a hazard. Whetstone argued that if a vehicle went off the road on the corner they would hit the rock wall. Whetstone also said that if there were stones in place, the snow would have to be carried around the corner into the next neighbour's drive which would narrow the road up. He also said that the operators could try to be more diligent and not impact the lawn any more.

Griffin commented that she would have a great deal of concern if the municipality placed the stones, but she would not object if Greenaway put them in, 'behind the section that we have claimed that is.' Griffin went on to voice concerns that someone else would come back on the municipality to claim similar costs. "We will have at least four parcels of land to deal with if we approve this request.

Whetstone suggested that the operators could try to be more diligent and not impact the lawn any more. "There are things we could do to mitigate the situation, but I agree that there are other properties that we are impacting and this could be setting a precedent.

A number of scenarios and options about how the rocks should or could be placed and what trees should be removed were discussed, but the discussion seemed to be going in circles. Shortreed commented that Greenaway was willing to deed the triangle of land to the municipality but Moffatt said, "But it is ours anyway."

And that seemed to say it all. Harrison said, "There is no support for this. This is an unfortunate situation, but if he wants to do the work himself, we can't stop him. But we don't want to be responsible for doing it."

A resolution was passed denying the request given the potential for a precedent setting situation. ■

Police Reports

Drivers Charged – Impaired

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment charged two drivers this past weekend with alcohol related driving offences.

In the early morning hours of November 29, 2009 an officer was patrolling the Dorset area and initiated a traffic stop. The officer had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Mickael Fuller 49 years, of Algonquin Highlands Township has been charged with Impaired Driving and Driving Over 80mgs contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. Mr. Fuller will be appearing in Minden court on Jan 6, 2010 in relation to the charges.

On November 29, 2009 at approximately 12:30 pm officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment responded to a traffic complaint in Haliburton.

Officers located the vehicle and had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Mario Prodan 67 years, of Highlands East Township has been charged with Failing to Provide a Breath Sample contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. Mr. Prodan will be appearing in Minden court on January 6, 2010 in relation to the charge. ■

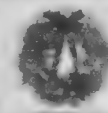
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Abstract Painter Yves Ameline Premieres "Brittany on My Mind" at Rails End

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

"I'm a beginner at this, a new kid", laughs Yves Ameline, an abstract painter who hails from France but divides his time between Toronto and spends summers in Haliburton. "We came here in 1974 when we bought our first cottage, it was on an island and we stayed there until 1999. We now have a cottage on Drag Lake, I could paint that lake forever and it would never be the same painting twice, every morning the scene changes. It's beautiful."

Ameline debuted his paintings at the Rails End last Saturday: his work consists of images of his native Brittany in Western France, painted from 2007-2009. The vivid colours represent the memories that he holds so close to his heart. He chooses to paint abstracts rather than reconstruct a perfect representation. Ameline explains his visionary paintings, "This is what it feels like to see Brittany for me. I paint any scene that affects me, that has had an impression on me. I paint from memories, when you paint in front of a scene it forces you to paint things that you are viewing, but I try to simplify and paint maybe just one thing that I clearly remember. I look and absorb the scene and decant it in my mind." This forms the abstractions of Brittany, "I get rid of any irrelevant details, and I convey the feeling that I have" says a passionate Ameline.

However the paintings weren't finished without some serious challenges. "Some pictures I painted in just a few hours, but I've had troubles with a couple of them. One of them I painted three times, but every time I hated each one because it's a place I'm very fond of and I wanted

to make sure it was just right. When I realised that I wasn't letting the painting decide what the focal point should be, everything came together. It's part of the fun, and you learn more from the challenges."

Although Ameline is a newcomer to abstract art he has been a photographer for most of his life. He began with watercolours though he found the form was too "representative, there is too much of a process, whereas with abstract I prefer the fun of working with shapes and colours, it's a constant adventure and I never know where it'll end up, I'm always discovering new things."

Amelines' supportive wife is also a painter, yet it is his children who say that they don't understand the art he paints, "I always tell them that it's not about understanding them, it's about enjoying the painting and the colours that are used." For Ameline life is not all about painting. He spends time with his granddaughter, bicycles, walks and still takes photographs, yet he says that, "painting is becoming

more important, I feel that I'm progressing more at it." In the future Ameline would like to add more texture to his paintings, "sometimes it's not bad to end up somewhere else. I find that the right brain starts to take over and I just start painting on impulse, sometimes my paintings are not planned at all."

Yves Amelines' series of paintings will be at the Rails End Gallery until December 19th.



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What do you think the arts community contributes to the county?



Anne-Marie Borthwick, Haliburton

The arts community is a terrific incubator for talent and more artists seem to gravitate toward this county. I can't speak highly enough of the Haliburton School of the Arts, I know people who just come to this area so they can attend there, its very user friendly and it's a wonderful resource. I travel a lot in Ontario and we seem to have the most varied and most established artists here. People come and discover the area and the new talent and it contributes to the economy and brings tourism, it's a win/win situation.



Ricky McShane, Haliburton

We live in a tourist town so it brings money and activities for people to do like the arts festival in the park. The arts is a really strong community and it seems that most people have a hand in it, the new pavilion theatre and the college all seem to be geared up for bringing new blood in. It's very important to the community and I definitely support it.



Susan Johnson, Haliburton

I've met lots of people who have moved up here specifically to do an arts program at Fleming College. The studio tours bring an awareness to the area and more people to the community as well. I think it's a really good thing for the community and I support it, it's a good program.



Ian Johnson, Eagle Lake

Well it seems a bit quiet around here, I thought after the new college was built it would bring people into the community. But the arts in the community brings in a younger crowd, more culture and much needed revenue to the area.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



El Nino to Linger

The El Nino ocean warming in the tropical Pacific has experienced a fall resurgence and continues to cause various weather anomalies around the world. It's being blamed for Guatemala's worst drought in 30 years, and is responsible for acute water shortages in Venezuela. Thousands of livestock have died in Bolivia during recent weeks due to a withering drought that has also destroyed vast tracts of farmland. While the phenomenon has brought drought to some areas, its resulting rainfall is being credited for ending the parching drought across Texas and the southwestern United States over the past few months. Climate experts say that moderate El Nino conditions are expected to intensify through the Northern Hemisphere winter before easing during April, May and June of next year.

Frog Fungus

The international trade in frog legs could be spreading a deadly amphibian disease responsible for several species going extinct, according to a new study. Researchers from the Smithsonian Institution and colleagues say that nearly 6,000 other amphibian species are threatened with extinction from the parasitic fungus known as amphibian chytrid. The pathogen causes respiratory and neurological damage that eventually results in death. The researchers found that from 1996 through 2006, 100,000 tons of frog legs were imported from both wild and farmed sources. While they found no record of a frog species going extinct that was collected for food, poorly regulated amphibian trade is probably a greater risk to amphibian biodiversity than over-harvesting.

Iceberg Swarm

A veritable armada of icebergs appears to be advancing toward southern New Zealand after splitting from a massive ice floe that broke off from Antarctica years ago. "This certainly appears to be bigger than the 2006 event," said oceanographer Mike Williams of the country's National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research. The icebergs were first spotted by a tourist ship sailing around the Auckland Islands, nearly 300 miles to the south of New Zealand's South Island. Australian Antarctic Division glaciologist Neal Young said more than 100 icebergs, some more than 650 feet wide, were seen in just one cluster. He said that indicates there could possibly be hundreds more not visible in satellite imagery. Whether the floating chunks of ice actually make it to the coast depends upon the wind and ocean currents the cluster encounters over the next few weeks. In 2006, a number of icebergs floated to about 15 miles off the New Zealand coast — the first such occurrence since 1931.

Colombian Eruption

Colombia's Galeras volcano produced an explosive eruption that prompted evacuations and road closures near the mountain's flanks. There were no reports of any injuries or significant damage due to the blast. Residents of Pasto and surrounding villages reported a rain of ash falling on their communities following the eruption.

Tropical Cyclones

Cyclone Bongani drenched the Seychelles and northern Madagascar before buffeting Mayotte and the Comoros Islands with storm-force winds and heavy downpours.

• Typhoon Nida strengthened to a Category 4 storm over the open waters of the western Pacific after forming near Micronesia.

Earthquakes

A moderate aftershock of China's devastating 2008 Sichuan "great" earthquake jolted nerves near the same epicenter. No damage or injuries were reported from the 4.8 magnitude tremor. The initial jolt on May 12, 2008, left about 87,000 people dead and caused widespread devastation.

• Earth movements were also felt in central China's Ningxia province, northeastern Japan, far eastern Indonesia, Tonga, Panama, Trinidad New Brunswick and along the Mexico-California border.

Seahorse Voyager

A diminutive marine creature that has only tiny fins and a small tail with which to move around somehow made its way from off the Atlantic or Caribbean coasts of North, Central or South America to the Azores, at least 3,000 miles away. Writing in the Journal of Fish Biology, British and Portuguese researchers suggest that the seahorse may have made such an epic journey by using its prehensile tail to hitch a ride on a raft of floating sea grass. There are over 50 species of seahorse worldwide, mainly found in shallow tropical and temperate waters. But one found by a fisherman on the isolated Azores archipelago seemed different. So the researchers did a DNA analysis that revealed the visitor had a genetic makeup almost identical to that of seahorses that live in the Americas.

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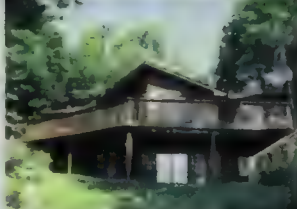


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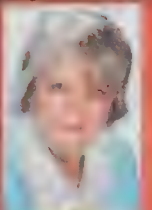
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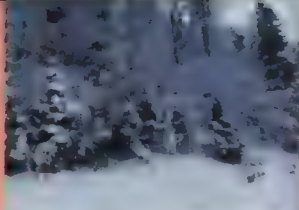


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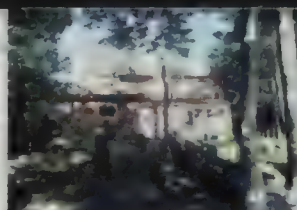


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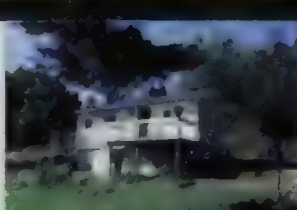


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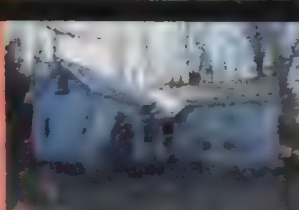


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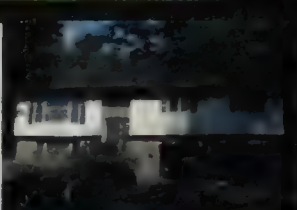


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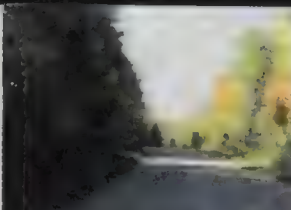


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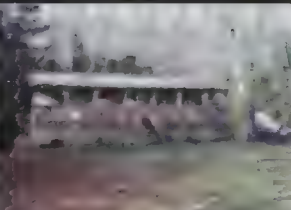


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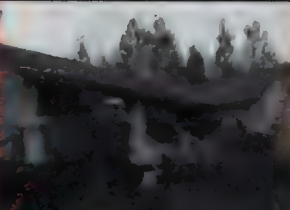


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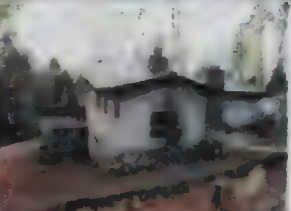


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As of November 22, 2009, 271 people have died on OPP patrolled roadways - 42 of which were alcohol-related collisions. The most effective tool in the reduction of these kinds of senseless deaths on our roads is prevention. While the OPP continues to conduct R.I.D.E. spot checks throughout the year, the Festive R.I.D.E. initiative has proven to be an effective deterrent and an important tool in educating the driving public about the dangers of driving while impaired.

During the 2008 five-week OPP R.I.D.E. initiative, OPP officers stopped 884,729 vehicles at roadside checkpoints. As a result, 319 persons were arrested and charged with criminal code alcohol-related offences. Officers also issued a total of 784 twelve hour suspensions and issued 353 ninety-day Administrative Drivers Licence Suspensions.

Since May, 2009, under the Safe Roads for a Safer Ontario Act, the former 12-hour administrative suspension for drivers whose blood alcohol concentration exceeds .05 milligrams has been replaced with a graded licence suspension period that includes a 3 day suspension for a first offence, a 7-day suspension for a second offence and 30 days for subsequent suspensions.

"Drinking and driving is a serious threat to public safety and remains the leading cause of criminal death in Canada. The tragic loss of life and the burden on the health care system that results touches every one of us at some point in our lives," said OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino.

"Ontario Roads are among the safest in North America," Chief Superintendent Bill Grodzinski, Commander of the OPP's Highway Safety Division said. While the OPP continues to conduct R.I.D.E. spot checks throughout the year, the Festive R.I.D.E. initiative has proved to be an effective deterrent and important tool to educate the driving public about the dangers of driving while impaired."

Visit the OPP website at www.opp.ca for regular updates of the results on the 2009 Festive R.I.D.E. program. ■

Logger's Crossing to Remain Open for the Winter

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Riverwalk's Loggers Crossing Bridge in Minden will remain open for the winter. Concerns about liability and the staff's ability to maintain the bridge free of snow were raised for Council's consideration, but the bridge will remain open nonetheless.

Minden's Director of Community Services Rick Cox raised the issue at the Council meeting last Thursday. Cox said there was potential for liability by maintaining the pedestrian bridges free of snow, given the possibility for trips and falls even when the bridge is maintained.

He also suggested that that same potential for liability was there by not maintaining the bridges as build up of snow could bury the side rails to the point that they no longer met safety standards.

Cox reported that both the Roads Superintendent and the Property and Operations Manager had grave reservations about keeping the bridges open throughout the winter. But he also suggested that withdrawing access to the pedestrian crossing during the winter months would compromise Council's commitment to providing community support for active lifestyles and would provide opponents of Riverwalk with further fuel to fire arguments about the project.

Cox said that preventing access to the bridge would come at a cost for the purchase and installation of gates and signage, but added that the same decision did not need to apply for both bridges as the path to the Clergy House Creek bridge would not be maintained.

Cox maintained that he had the equipment and staff to clear the snow and confirmed that sand boxes had been placed at both ends of Loggers Crossing. He also said that leaving snow on the bridge would not create any snow load problems and that installing 'use at your own risk' signage should be in place year round as is the case with all parks.

Councillor Peter Oyler, however, said that the addition of the bridge was just one more piece of basic infrastructure that required snow clearing and maintenance. "We already have one that we do and we're only adding a few more feet. The risk is the same as with the existing bridge."

Councillor Rick Ratcliff pointed out that two departments had agreed to disagree. "There are pros and cons being heard from both sides."

Both Ratcliff and Oyler agreed that the approaches from the roadway to the bridge would also have to be kept clear. Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said that she thought it was a good idea to keep the bridge open for walkers. When she voiced a concern about using salt, Cox confirmed that they would only be using sand on the bridge.

Councillor Barbara Reid asked if there would be added liability for the municipal if the bridge was kept open but signed appropriately. Cox responded that it would be no different than any other sidewalk or bridge. "There will always be liability and this is no different."

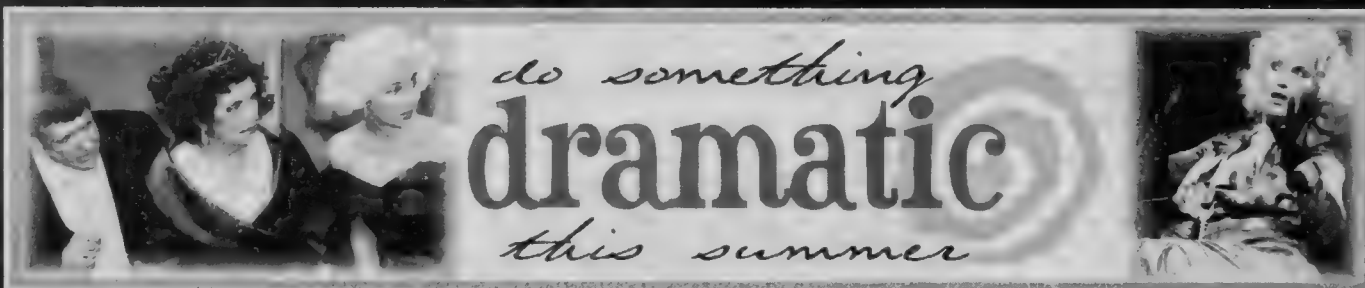
Reid argued that even if the bridge was closed, the municipality could still be subject to claims and everyone agreed. She also commented that they could be looking for trouble where there was none.

Councillor Bill Obee said he wasn't sure that a resolution was required. "This is just a minor addition to winter maintenance. The bridge should be kept free of snow to the same level of service as provided in other areas."

A resolution was passed supporting that the Loggers Crossing Bridge remain open, be appropriately signed "use at your own risk" and that snow removal would be required throughout the winter.

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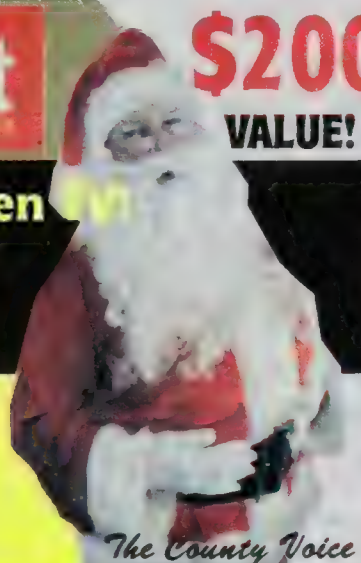
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Red Hawks Keep up their Winning Start

Defeat Fenelon Falls 2-1; Trounce Holy Cross 8-1

By Matthew Flowers

The Red Hawks hockey team are on a roll so far this season, and you don't have to look far to see why. Haliburton have outscored their opposition by a margin of 27-3 after four games, taking advantage of three fellow Double-A tier opponents in a relatively light schedule to start the season.

Though they're off to a fast start, they finally faced their first serious challenge of the season when they traveled to Triple-A school Fenelon Falls to take on the Falcons last Thursday, November 26th. Ashton Haley and Scott Griffith scored in a tight 2-1 victory, backstopped by the solid goaltending of Alex Monk Cray.

"All the scoring was in the second period," said Coach Ron Yake. "The key was killing off three penalties in the third period. That tested our character, and I was proud of our response."

The league is made up of both AA and AAA schools, all playing each other throughout the regular season. However, each take part in their own playoffs, meaning Haliburton will not play any Triple-A teams in the Kawarthas.

"I'm glad we don't have to face them [Fenelon Falls] in the playoffs," said Yake with a chuckle.



On Tuesday, November 30th, the Hawks hosted the Holy Cross Hurricanes, a team that was strong last year but are a younger squad this season. Haliburton took advantage of the rebuilding team by scoring seven goals in the first period alone in a much less challenging 8-1 win.

"I tell my guys, you can win the game in the first five minutes. Why wait until the last five minutes?" said Yake.

Scott Griffith got the fireworks started by stealing a puck in front of the net and chipping it over the goalie's blocker. From there, it seemed every shot made its way to the back of the net as the Hurricanes goalkeeper looked a little shell-shocked to start the game.

"We fore-checked really well in this game," said Yake. "The puck just seemed to go in for us in that first period, it certainly energized our team."

The great puck control around the boards and the aggressive cycling of the puck made it look like the Hawks were on a constant power play. Whenever the Hurricanes seemed to have possession, quick stick work by the Hawks turned it back over. In addition to superior speed and skill, the Hawks threw their weight around, bringing loud cheers from the crowd.

Brandon Yake and Mark Vasey scored twice in the game, while

Matt Rae, Ian Bottum, and Ashton Haley each had one apiece. Haley continued to wreak havoc on the scoresheet, adding four assists as part of a five point night. After four games, Haley has the league lead in scoring.

Playing in net for Haliburton in this one was Paddy Manuge, who made the saves when he needed to, though he was hardly tested all game. The Hurricanes scored on their one chance of the game, a scramble in front of the net that Holy Cross was able to capitalize on. Manuge made some great saves in the third period to squash any hope for a comeback by the Hurricanes.

After the fireworks in the first period, the Hurricanes goaltender finally made some stops and played a much better game throughout the rest of the match. The Hawks seemed to slow it down a little as the game went on, at least in terms of crashing the net. The early lead gave the Hawks the opportunity to focus on other aspects of their game. By the third period, the Hawks were passing a lot more in the offensive zone, seemingly practising their cycling and puck control skills more than trying to pile on the goals.

Coach Yake is pleased with the way his team has performed so far and hopes it will continue—it helps when you have a team willing to follow instructions.

"They're buying into what we're trying to do," said Yake about the style of hockey he wants his team to play. "They see the evidence on the ice, with the way they have been performing."



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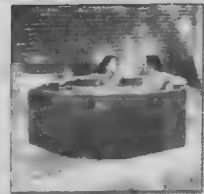
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Senior Basketball Team Flex Their Muscle in Exhibition Tournament

Matthew Flowers

Staff Reporter



The junior and senior boys' basketball squad played host to the annual Red Hawk Classic, an exhibition tournament featuring the Hawks and teams from Fenelon Falls and Gravenhurst high schools. The senior team won one and lost one in the tourney, showing signs of a team that has the depth to have a competitive season.

First up for the Hawks were the Fenelon Falls Falcons, in a contest that began with defence the first priority. Fenelon Falls, having already played a match earlier in the day against Gravenhurst, showed they were still in game shape when they went up 6-0 early. The Hawks, however, got the ball rolling and the rest of the half became a showcase of blocks, steals, and forcing highly contested shots for both teams. The first half ended with a 15-15 draw, a fitting end to an evenly-matched contest.

The Red Hawks came out flying in the second half, showing their most energy in the game by playing an aggressive transition game that caught the Falcons completely off guard. The Hawks took a brief lead, but the Falcons responded to the Hawks tempo by upping their own speed level. The Falcons gained the momentum and ran with it, retaking the lead and forcing the Hawks to take chances to get back in it. The forced play caused several Hawks turnovers, allowing the Falcons to stay ahead and ultimately take the game 48-38.

The senior team's second game came against the Gravenhurst Gryphons, a team they lost to by three points only three days earlier. Looking to even the record after their first game, the Hawks came out with purpose in this one—in particular, co-captain Luke Watson led the way early with one brilliant fast-break play after another. Forcing turnovers on defence, Watson picked up the ball and dribbled in for the layup on three occasions in the first quarter, finishing each time despite being fouled on all three occasions.

The Red Hawks picked up on this energy and built on it the entire match. After a 22-15 first half lead for the Hawks, Haliburton looked like a well-oiled machine in the second as they had every facet of the game working for them. The Hawks were forcing tough shots and turnovers on defence, making assists, controlling tempo, rebounding nearly everything in sight, and seemingly scoring at will. The Red Hawks came away with an entertaining 57-36 blowout win.

"It was a good win and confidence booster for the team," said Head Coach Roland Zilla.

Notes: At the half time of the senior's first game, the high school honoured the COSSA winning field hockey team by announcing the players of the squad in front of a loud crowd in attendance. Gary Brohman made the announcements, as Hal High's first COSSA field hockey banner was raised on the wall of the Gymnasium.

Andrew Murray Steals a Win for the Junior Team

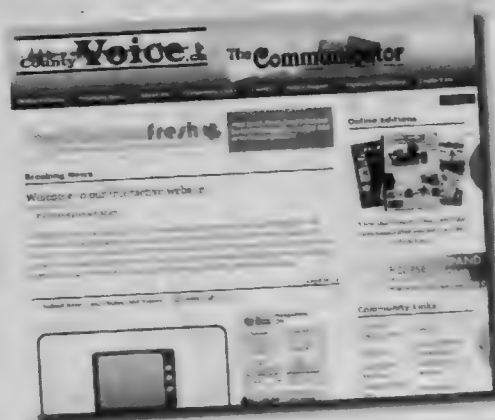
After dropping their first game to the Falcons, the junior Red Hawks were intent on ending the tournament on a high note. It took until the final seconds of the game to get the ultimate satisfaction: winning by just one basket in a nail biter.

With the way the Red Hawks started, it looked like they were on their way to an easy win over the Gravenhurst Gryphons, going up 11-3 in just seven minutes of play. Damon Flatman was the catalyst on offense, scoring or assisting on every one of those eleven points. However, as is the case in the great

game of basketball, no lead is sacred, especially in the first half. The Gryphons weathered the Flatman storm by finally figuring out Haliburton's defence, coming all the way back to take the lead at the half by a score of 20-18.

Given the sustained runs for either team in the first half, there was no telling who would ultimately take over in this one. With both teams exchanging buckets and the lead, there was a sense that it could go right down to the wire. However, in the last five minutes of the game, Damon Flatman and Andrew Murray became a 1-2 punch the Falcons couldn't stop. If it wasn't Flatman scoring, it was Murray. The two players, along with the presence of Zach Cox under the basket, rebounding and drawing fouls, the Red Hawks had a 46-40 lead with just over a minute to go.

The Gryphons, showing impressive resiliency all game, got themselves back into it by hitting a three, and then a free throw to get within two points with 20 seconds left on the clock. On the Hawks next possession, the Gryphons, playing with great urgency, forced Haliburton to make a turnover, giving Gravenhurst a chance to inbound the ball from their own end line with less than ten seconds remaining. As the nervous crowd looked on, the Gryphons made a great play not only to inbound the ball, but launch a Hail Mary pass to a Gryphon player streaming towards the basket, seemingly all alone. As the seconds ticked down and the ball made its way to the Gryphons forward, it looked like the game would be tied. The forward allowed the ball to bounce, prepared to catch it and put in the layup, when, out of nowhere, Andrew Murray catches up and steals it away off the bounce. The Gryphons look on in horror as Murray dribbled out the clock, passing to Flatman who held onto it as the buzzer sounded. Hawks win 46-44 in dramatic fashion. ■



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Hawks Take Part in First Wrestling Tournament of the Season



Wrestling at Hal High officially got underway last Thursday, November 26th, when high schools IE Weldon, Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute, and Fenelon Falls travelled to Haliburton for the first wrestling tournament of the season. Each participant was scheduled to wrestle three times, one from each different school.

From 10:30-3 pm, wrestlers grappled with their adversaries on one of two mats. There were crowds of observers all day, the largest coming at lunch time. Mixed with the wrestlers watching and waiting for their turn, the lunch crowd brought up the energy level in the gym, as the crowd cheered loudly for their Red Hawks wrestlers, whistling and clapping every takedown. Jillian Mayhew received the loudest ovation on the day, as she made a great move to takedown her opponent from a standing position, scoring three points in the process and later winning the match.

Haliburton veterans such as Mikaela Charlabois and Christianna Walker made short work of their opponents, showing their experience with easy victories. Charlabois' first match ended in less than 30 seconds when she managed to pin her opponent's shoulders to the mat, claiming an automatic victory. The win had coach Dan Fockler remark, "Well, that was easy," as Charlabois walked off the mat.

For most, contests lasted much longer. Jesse Schmidt had a particularly tough first match, as he and his opponent grappled and exchanged points back and forth in a contest that could have gone either way. In the end, Schmidt had the most fuel in reserve and finished strongly, gaining enough points to seal the win.

With dozens of wrestlers participating in the event, and the gym in need of use at 3:30 for other high school sports, the tournament could not finish on time, forcing many to miss their chance for a third contest. Fortunately, the outcome of this tournament has no bearing on the rest of the season.

"This was just a preliminary tournament, you could say," said Haliburton wrestling Coach Paul Klose. "No medals or awards were to be handed out; unfortunately we had to cut it short today." ■



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Hundreds Attend Dysart Library Gala Opening

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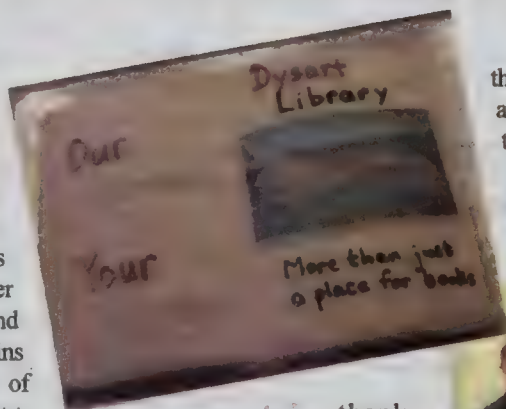
"We expected a good turnout, certainly, but this exceeded all our expectations – it truly was a great day," said Dysart et al CAO Tammy McKelvey of the almost 300 people who showed up to celebrate the opening of Dysart's brand new Library. "It shows just how much the people of Haliburton County value their libraries and believe that Libraries are truly the hub of the community," said County Library CEO Bessie Sullivan, who took over the job just last March. "Already we've seen two major Libraries open in the County, first in Minden, and now in Haliburton."

The project was brought together by two major committees: first, Dysart Council's Construction Committee, consisting of Reeve Murray Fearrey, Councillors Andrea Roberts, Janis Parker, and Derek Knowles, and CAO McKelvey. And secondly, the Library Fundraising Committee, consisting of local volunteers Linda Heeps, Lindy Smith, Jamie Woodman, Heather Thom, Bessie Sullivan, as well as McKelvey, Parker, and Roberts. In welcoming the crowd Fearrey was at pains to thank the co-operation and support of all members of Council, and of the Municipal staff. "I particularly want to thank the co-operation and support of all members of Council, and of the Municipal staff. "I particularly want to thank the co-operation and support of all members of Council, and of the Municipal staff."

Fearrey also said that the work of the Fundraising Committee, and the generosity of the community, "proves what a lot of heart, and what a lot of giving our community has." He went on to pay tribute to the first 'Librarian' of Dysart, one-time Municipal Clerk Art Bachelor, who way back in the 1930s established a Library in one room of his own home near the old Victoria Street School. In the 1950s the Library moved into the Municipal offices, and in 1967 into its own building (a Centennial project), next to the offices.

The Library building itself came in on its budget of \$1.5 million, all of which was provided by the Province of Ontario. MPP Rick Johnson, who, along with his spouse Terri have been professional musicians for many years, was happy to take the credit: he then welcomed Terri to the podium and the duo proceeded to sing a special Library song they'd composed for the many children's audiences they perform for. This possibly marks the first time a local politician has ever sung (sober at least) at a ribbon cutting ceremony, but it certainly went over well with the crowd. Johnson went on to josh (in a very good natured fashion) federal MP Barry Devolin: "Barry, I'm sorry, but not only do you not have any money in the project, but also you can't sing." But in the spirit of the day, Devolin's support of the arts and the arts infrastructure in Dysart was sincerely acknowledged, and

"This is more than just a place for books – it's a hub of the community." (Bessie Sullivan, County Library CEO)



thank the beginning. And our municipal staff who were such a pleasure to work with during this whole process." Fearrey also got a few chuckles for thanking Council for "staying out of the way and letting us do our work."

for his part the MP spoke of how impressive and extensive the changes to York Street and the park had been over his lifetime living in Haliburton.

The Fundraising Committee still has some work to do: they've raised over \$115,000 so far, which has paid for much of the furnishings, but their goal is \$150,000 which will pay for more landscaping, and furniture and equipment for the outdoor spaces.

For many visitors, the contrast between the unobtrusive exterior of the new Library, and the startlingly open and welcoming indoors, with its impressive use of natural light, and of course the beautiful site, was a tribute to the care and attention to detail the constructors, architects, and Council had given to the project. It was also noted that for cottagers, and for anyone still tied to the albatross of dial up Internet, the Library provides free wi-fi for all.

The new Dysart Library will be open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 8 pm, closed Sundays and Mondays. ■



From left: Warden Dave Burton, MP Barry Devolin, Library CEO Bessie Sullivan, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, MPP Rick Johnson, Councillors Janis Parker, Andrea Roberts, and Derek Knowles, and Dysart CAO Tammy McKelvey.

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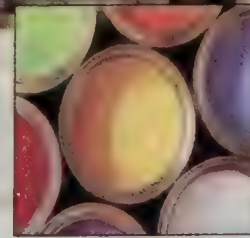
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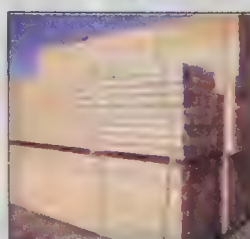
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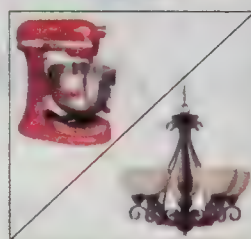
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End of the Trail for Trails and Tours

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

"We're sorry to lose such a valuable asset." (Jim McMahon)

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network will be closing their doors at the end of this year. The County's Economic Development & Tourism Committee heard the news this month during a report by Trails and Tours Executive Director Sam Davies.

The Trails and Tours Network, established in 1999, has been dedicated to the development and promotion of trails and their use throughout Haliburton County. The organization and its seven member board has done considerable work in helping to organize and assist a number of trails and parks related committees to get off the ground (Head Lake Park, Glebe Park, Riverwalk), as well

as organize numerous activities for residents and visitors to enjoy. Trails and Tours has also established a website packed full of information on four season activities for everyone to enjoy whether hiking, canoeing, skiing, snowmobiling, horseback riding, cycling or four wheeling.

Davies told the committee that her board had voted to close down the organization effective December 31st. According to Davies, many of the groups that they had helped to organize had gained in strength sufficiently that they no longer needed the support or guidance of an umbrella organization. Jim McMahon voiced his disappointment that the County would be losing a valuable asset. Davies has since been unavailable for comment.

The County Voice contacted Past President Ken Hoeverman who finished his term with the organization during the summer. Hoeverman held the position for seven years and said that it was a great experience. However, since leaving the organization, no one has stepped up to the plate to replace him, which may have been a harbinger of things to come with the group.

Despite the fact that he didn't feel the two were connected, Hoeverman said, "Due to the controversy on the Rail Trail and the public's misconception that we were promoting off road motorcycles on the trail, I decided to step aside."

Hoeverman also sits as the Executive Director of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders. He said that there had been some confusion whether it was a Trails & Tours position to promote off road motorcycling on the Rail Trail or an OFTR position. Hoeverman said that his submissions to County Council for access on the Rail Trail had been made on behalf of OFTR.

But getting back to the Trails and Tours Network, he said, "There's really no money in the trails business unless you are a tour operator and in general, non motorized users will not pay to use the trails." According to Hoeverman, Trails and Tours made little if any money from the projects that they worked on. "That's the problem with government funding. They will give you money for projects but nothing to sustain you over time."

And according to Hoeverman, lack of sustaining funds has been the organization's biggest problem.

Trails and Tours had entered into a contract with Canada Post and it is unclear at this point what will happen with the contract. Hoeverman said that Trails and Tours had also tried to develop tour packages to provide a value added aspect to their operations and had hoped that they would make a percentage of the profits, but none of them provided sufficient funding to sustain their operation.

"Non profit organizations are all suffering and trying to determine how to best manage their organizations these days. The economy is partly to blame, but the government in Ontario won't fund costs for wages and office space and no one else was willing to fund us either."

Hoeverman said that generally he was saddened by the lack of core funding for non profit organizations. "It's hard to place a value on what Trails and Tours provided to the County."

The Voice also spoke with Board member Don Gage about the organization's exit strategy. Gage said, "It's a bit early to discuss at this point, but we have a board meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) night." Gage said that the meeting would be one of several in determining how things should wind down in a logical manner.

When asked why the President's position had not been filled Gage said that the board had continued to meet and, in essence, had been concentrating on the issue of whether or not they should or could continue as a viable organization.

Gage agreed with Hoeverman's assessment. He said, "As in any non profit organization, we have been struggling with financial viability and sustainability, as things

"The government will give you money for projects but nothing to sustain you over time." (Ken Hoeverman)

change. The world has changed a lot in the last 10 years in terms of trail organizations and there are a number of groups and committees within the County working on various trail related projects that no longer need our support."

In some ways, Trails and Tours had started to work themselves out of a job. Gage used Algonquin Highlands as the perfect example of a municipality that had set trail promotion and management as a priority and had established a trails department with full time staff.

"They're doing a superb job of managing the trail resources and in many jurisdictions that is where the trail support people are; within municipal government. And personally, I wish that all the municipalities in the county would take the same approach and work towards establishing a trails department in each one."

"We were initially doing some of the work for Algonquin Highlands on a contract basis and that assisted with our sustainability, but we are very pleased to have acted as a catalyst for that to happen."

Gage spoke of the Trails and Tours website as an asset that needs to be continued and said that the County's Tourism Department was the obvious spot. He also voiced a desire to see the maps and brochures that had been developed continue to be printed and distributed, commenting that many of the clubs that did produce brochures won't necessarily have the capacity for marketing.

Gage spoke of his experience working in a banking organization. "In the corporate world, organizational structures change all the time to fit the world as it exists today and that's what I see happening with Trails and Tours." Gage spoke of the changes that had taken place over the last 10 or 12 years, and despite their achievements, there had never been enough funding to do what they needed to do.

According to Gage, Trails and Tours had also been a catalyst in getting the Rail Trail Committee established and he voiced his disappointment that the committee had not worked out. "There has been a lot of controversy over the Rail Trail and now may be the perfect time to throw Trails and Tours into the mix." "Perfect" because the County is in the throes of deliberating on trail management. Gage said, "Maybe there is a future for a trails department."

Gage's bottom line? "We've done a lot of good things over the last 10 or 12 years but we need to establish a different style of structure. We want to see someone continue and we're more than willing to make that happen or help that transition however we can."

Bob Smith, the County's Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Marketing said that the demise of Trails and Tours would leave a void within the community not only from the trails perspective but from the fact that the office and tourism information centre would be lost as well.

"Our department is looking at all of the options and at ways to mitigate the loss to the community." Smith confirmed that there some aspects of the operation that the County will assume. "What I see is that there will be a split between the Roads Department that will look after inspections and maintenance and the Economic Development Committee that will look after permitting. Smith said that he was preparing a report for the committee's consideration this week.

"Trails and Tours has done an awful lot of good in the community and we can't allow events like Hike Haliburton to be let go. The festival has been regarded as a signature event of its kind in the province and for it not to continue would be cheating the community."

Smith, who sees an opportunity to expand the promotion of trails, said that in the long term he was reviewing what his department could do to take on more of the responsibilities that came under the Trails and Tours umbrella. Smith said that he was investigating all sources of funding that could help with the process. "But we need the Committee buy in, so I'm hoping to have as much detail as possible for their review." ■

"We're more than willing to help the transition however we can." (Don Gage)

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1. Washington, D.C.: The world's tallest true obelisk.

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2. New York: Skyscraper that was the world's tallest for more than 40 years.

Answer _____

3. Seattle: Tower that is the city's most recognizable landmark.

Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Philadelphia: Where the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

Answer _____

5. St. Louis: The tallest monument in the United States.

Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. Detroit: The world headquarters of General Motors.

Answer _____

8. Los Angeles: Movie theater on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Answer _____

9. Boston: Building that has been the city's tallest for more than 30 years.

Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Washington Monument. 2. Empire State Building. 3. Space Needle. 4. Independence Hall. 5. Gateway Arch. 6. Biograph Theater. 7. Renaissance Center. 8. Grauman's Chinese Theatre. 9. John Hancock Tower (Hancock Place).

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

WOMAN FEARS SHE MAY LOVE NEWFOUND FAMILY TOO MUCH

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old woman who has recently discovered my biological family. I have a wonderful half-brother and several other amazing people I can now call family. The issue I'm struggling with is my profound attraction to my half-brother. I know it's morally wrong, and I may be confusing the newfound relationship with him. Your perspective would be very much appreciated. -- CONFLICTED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFLICTED: Physical attraction is a reflex -- and not something we can control. Our BEHAVIOR, on the other hand, is something we CAN control. This is a case of wrong time, wrong place. If you had been a member of the royal family in Egypt 3,000 years ago, you could have married your half-brother and continued the dynasty. But this is 2009 and the USA, so you're just going to have to satisfy your physical attraction with someone less incestuous.

DEAR ABBY: Is it rude to label one's leftover food when staying with relatives? My husband, daughter and I visit his family often. When we go out to eat and bring leftovers back to the house, we usually label them if we want to eat them later.

It has never seemed out of the ordinary to me. I was raised that way. My mother always said that if I didn't want something eaten by one of my siblings, then I should label it.

Recently, my husband's sister (who is 16) asked if she could eat the rest of some pizza we had bought the night before.

I politely responded that I planned to have it for lunch. She remarked that she thinks it is funny that we are so protective of our food. It got me to thinking -- is our behavior odd? -- TAKEN ABACK IN WASHINGTON

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: Considering that you come from a family in which anything in the fridge was considered fair game among your siblings, it's not odd at all. And when your sister-in-law said what she did, you should have explained that to her. Had you done so, she wouldn't have questioned it.

DEAR ABBY: My 20-year-old daughter, "Marissa," is self-centered, lies compulsively and does not consider the consequences of her actions. She has been diagnosed with narcissistic personality disorder. We have just learned that she is now pregnant, and her father and I are not happy about it. We will eventually be meeting the parents of the child's father. Is it our responsibility to discuss Marissa's problems with them? Or should we keep our mouths shut and pretend we are happy? -- TRYING TO DECIDE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR TRYING TO DECIDE: Does the young man know about your daughter's diagnosis and what it means? If not, then HE should be told and the implications explained to him.

Because your daughter's personality disorder will affect their son and the grandchild, his parents should also be informed. Ideally, he is the person who should do it. But if he doesn't, lay all the cards on the table because the other grandparents should be prepared. And no, you do not have to "pretend" to be happy about the situation. And neither do they.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

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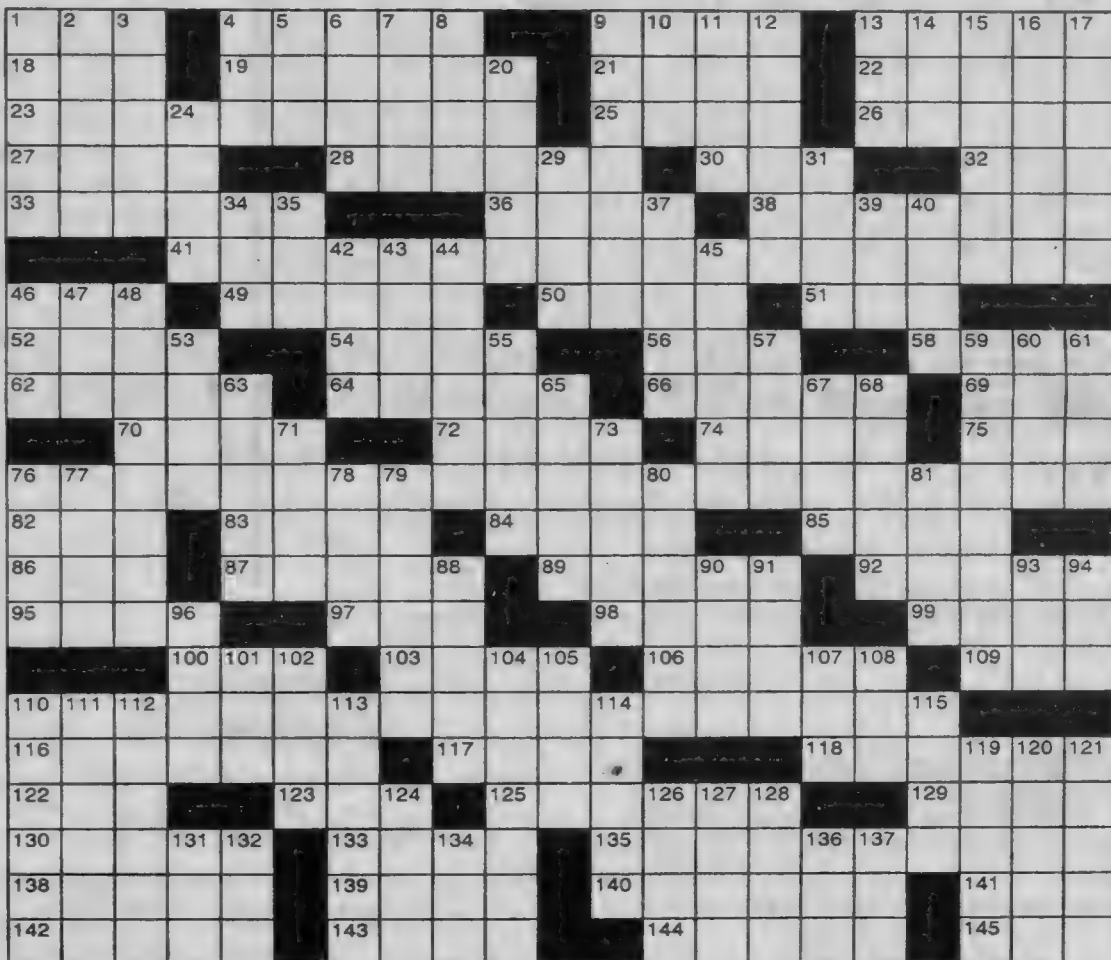
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Robert (Bob) Packard

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Sunday, November 29, 2009. At the age of 85. Beloved husband of Violet (nee Brohm). Dear father of John (Vicky), Darlene (Brian Madill), Lois (Bill Dobson), and Carl. Loving grandpa of Shannon, Tracy, Stacey, Teresa, Tammy, Andy, Jamie, Robert, Janet (predeceased), Wayne, Lori, Jennifer, Jeffrey, and great grandpa of 24 grandchildren. Predeceased by his parents James and Elsie Packard, brothers Russell, Royce, Sinclair and sisters Mabel and Doreen. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Mary Doreen Walker

Passed away peacefully at the St. Joseph's at Fleming in Peterborough on Monday, November 30, 2009. In her 83rd year. Daughter of the late James McGann and Myrtle Ferren. Beloved wife of the late Russell Walker (2007). Dear sister of William, Ralph, Leo, Joseph, Denise, all deceased. Lovingly remembered by her sisters-in-law Linda and Allie, and by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On Dec. 3, 1947, Marlon Brando's famous cry of "STELLA!" first booms across a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience during the first-ever performance of Tennessee Williams' play "A Streetcar Named Desire." When the curtain went down on opening night, the crowd erupted into a round of applause that lasted 30 minutes.

On Dec. 4, 1872, the Mary Celeste, an American vessel, is spotted sailing erratically but at full sail near the Azores Islands in the Atlantic Ocean. The ship was seaworthy, its stores and supplies were untouched, but not a soul was onboard. The reason for the abandonment of the Mary Celeste has never been determined.

On Dec. 5, 1964, the first Medal of Honor awarded to a U.S. serviceman for action in Vietnam is presented to Capt. Roger Donlon of Saugerties, N.Y., for his heroic action earlier in the year. During an attack on July 6, 1964, Donlon was wounded four times, but kept fighting, refusing medical attention.

On Dec. 6, 1907, in West Virginia's Marion County, an explosion in a network of mines owned by the Fairmont Coal Company kills 361 coal miners. It was the worst mining disaster in American history. Nationwide, a total of 3,242 Americans were killed in mine accidents in 1907.

On Dec. 7, 1925, future Tarzan actor Johnny Weissmuller sets the world record for the 150-yard freestyle swim. Already a gold medalist from the 1924 Olympics, Weissmuller competed again in 1928, taking five gold medals in all. In 1931, MGM cast Weissmuller to play the title role in "Tarzan the Ape Man."

On Dec. 8, 1987, at a summit meeting in Washington, D.C., President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev sign the first treaty between the two superpowers to reduce their massive nuclear arsenals. Previous agreements had merely been attempts by the two Cold War adversaries to limit the growth of their nuclear arsenals.

On Dec. 9, 1992, British Prime Minister John Major announces the formal separation of Charles, Prince of Wales and heir to the British throne, and his wife, Princess Diana. The report came after several years of speculation by the tabloid press that the marriage was in peril.



Ralph Palmer (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Admired as a hardworking farmer in Richmond Hill until he retired to his dream home in Haliburton with his wife, Jerry, over 22 years ago. Jerry, his wife and best friend, passed away earlier this year on Jan. 9, 2009. Over the course of his retirement, he indulged in his love of snowmobiling, golfing, curling, tennis, motorcycling and cheering on his favourite hockey team, the Boston Bruins. In his spare time, he fixed small engines and worked on general household repairs. At the age of 77, following a brave battle with cancer, it is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our dad on Saturday November 28, 2009. He was surrounded by his family, and we are grateful to have been by his side for his final goodbye. Devoted dad to Jude "Juby" (Dave), Ray "Raymond Ruskie" (Laura), Brian "Briny Friny" (Julie deceased), Dwayne "Skipper" (Susan), Carole "Boo" (Marton), Wendy "Wendell" (Ellen), and David "Dwayne" (Pauline). Cherished granddad of 14 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Predeceased by three brothers; Jack, Doug (Irene) and Garth. Will be sadly missed by in-laws, Shirley (Reg, deceased), Joyce (George), Jackie (Lloyd deceased), Ian deceased, Betty (Courtney deceased), and Susan (Lloyd). He had a great sense of humour and never failed to tease those he loved the most. Ralph will forever live on through his children. He will be dearly missed.

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Announcements

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The Family of late Alan Mark wish to thank the volunteer drivers that drove Alan to and from his many appointments, Community Care Staff, Nurses, especially Flo for her dedication, Doctors, The Access Centre, our Neighbours for their many phone calls & cards; Apple Jacks for their hospitality, the Ambulance attendants for their help and assistance and lastly to Dwaine Lloyd and his staff at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for his expertise, sensitivity, warmth and understanding in carrying out Alan's final wishes.

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2009



Christmas begins on November 27th

The first official act of Christmas in Minden took place at the Village Green this past Friday evening when people gathered to light the town Christmas tree and join in the singing of carols. After the festivities and hot chocolate, Christmas shopping seemed to be the next order of the evening, as stores stayed open to accommodate those trying to cross a few more items off their lists. □

Remembering December 6th – and One Woman's Moving Story

By Stephen Patrick

This weekend marks the 20th anniversary of what's become known as the Montreal Massacre and Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women. The YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton county is hosting a number of events to mark the occasion and to bring attention to the continuing – some would say never-ending – violence against women. This year alone at least 15 Ontario women have died at the hands of their partners or spouses.

Social workers and law-enforcement officials who work in the field of domestic and female abuse are often frustrated by both the lack of public acknowledgement of the problem, and of the difficulty in getting many who are abused to come forward and get help. Recently a Haliburton woman with a history of physical and emotional abuse talked with the Voice about her past, and how incredibly hard it is to admit what's happened.

Barbara (not her real name), grew up in small town Ontario in the early 1950s and 1960s as the eldest of five siblings. Her parents were hard-working people; her family life was stable, normal, and even placid. When Barbara was 14 she applied for a job with a family in another town not far away to look after their four-year old daughter over the summer. "I wanted to get a job, and this seemed like a perfect fit – and I guess I wanted to get paid for doing a job I did a lot of anyway at home, as the eldest child. And when I got the job, I liked the family, liked the child, and I agreed to board with them for the summer.

"It's important to understand that we lived far away from the city, and these were really innocent times. One night the mother was out, and the father wanted me to teach him the new dances – before I really knew what was happening, I'd been sexually assaulted, raped, and had stumbled back alone to my room.

"The next morning I told the family I was homesick, and left. I couldn't bring myself to tell anyone, and lived with the shame, the guilt, the self-blame for years.

"I think it's important to understand that this guilt and inability to admit what happened leaves women with very low self-esteem: and often leads the vulnerable to further abuse. And sure enough, at 19 I married a man who recognized my lack of self confidence, and who soon learned how to take advantage of it. Within a few years he became emotionally abusive, using the classic technique of turning your own shame against you. But still I stayed with him for 17 full years: we had a son, a wonderful boy, and I couldn't imagine how I could ever leave. But times were changing, and there was already a greater awareness of abuse: finally I simply phoned him to say I was not coming home, and would never come home again.

"I left with only my personal belonging and found my own place – a basement apartment, where I started again to bring up my son. It was here I could make my own choices for the first time in 17 years! My abuser still thought he had control with money ... but he lost the control. I took control over my own life by deciding to start my new life on my own. It was difficult living on my salary, but I was happy and free. And approximately three years later our house was sold and I received my share. My son grew up to be a wonderful man, happily married, and a great support and friend to me. Later I met a wonderful man, who had been active in supporting women's rights in the workplace, married again, and retired to this wonderful County of Haliburton."

Despite this story's 'happy ending' Barbara can't emphasize strongly enough how the very act of abuse, physical or emotional, can cripple a woman's ability to lead a life free of fear, sometimes for decades. Barbara's a strong, active person, yet it took her years and years before she was able to take over her own life: "I can't say enough about how much I regret the fact that I felt there was no place for me to turn, no way to get support that I felt that I could trust, and no way that I could admit what happened to me as a teenager. I lived for years fearing I would see the abuser in the streets, and that I would have to live with these feelings of guilt and shame all of my life. And it is important to recognize that abuse hits at every economic and professional class.

"Shortly after I left my first husband I took a trip with my young son, then about 10 years old. As we were driving along at one point I made a wrong turn, and was concerned about finding the right road: my son told me, "Mom, don't worry, all roads lead somewhere!" And you know when I'm travelling on my life's journey, I always remember this statement – and believing in the choice I made will lead me to the right road."

Haliburton County is fortunate to have the local YWCA Women's Centre for those who need help or support in times of crisis. The dedicated staff will listen and support women who are living in – or wondering about – leaving an abusive situation. You can reach them at 705 286-6442, or at their crisis line at 1 800 461.7656.

And don't forget, this weekend a Memorial Tea will be held at the Zion United Church Hall in Carnarvon from 2 until 4 pm with a Remembrance of those lost 20 years ago. And then at 6 pm at the Beaver Theatre in Minden the YWCA will host its first annual Guardian Angel Awards, followed by a all-male panel discussion on violence against women. ■

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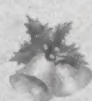
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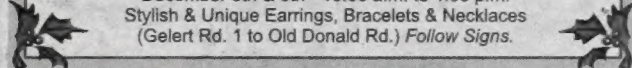
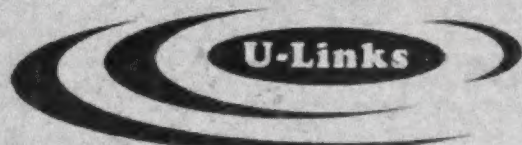
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CRYSTAL LAKE - \$149,000



Renovated three bedroom cottage with deeded access to Crystal Lake. Features: drilled well, heated line, fully winterized, full basement, small barn for storage, dock space available. Great beach. Great for ATV or snowmobile. Large 2 acre lot.

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COTTAGE ON BRADY LAKE - \$234,500



This 2 bdrm, well laid out cottage w/ loads of pine & a big lake view comes fully furnished incl. paddle boat & canoe! There is also a 16 x 16 garage / shed & an additional 8 x 8 shed on the property. The kitchen & bathroom have been recently renovated, a water filtration & UV system installed, new

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GULL LAKE - \$209,900



Two bedroom river front home or cottage - hardwood floors - large deck - level lot - full basement - easy access to Gull Lake - close to town, shopping and hospital.

Hal Johnston* 286-1234 ex. 231

MINDEN HOME - \$134,900



3 bdrm close to all amenities & Gull River. New poured concrete full height basement (to be insulated) with above grade windows, recently painted/cleaned, ready to move in home. Double gravel driveway, garage, beautiful level lot, on town sewers, forced air oil furnace plus loads more!

Anthony van Lieshout** 457-2414 ext. 27

HALLS LAKE - \$264,900



4 season home/cottage, clean rock shoreline w/ sandy wade. 962 sq. ft. - new maple kitchen, hardwood floors, formal dining & living areas, front sunroom, wood airtight, loaded in upgrades. Also includes lakeside bunkie with decking, nice dock system, heated water line and more.

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HUNTER CREEK ESTATES - \$59,900



Nice and comfortable 3 bdrm home in Hunter Creek Estates. Home features some new windows, 3 bdrms, detached single car gar, paved drive, maintenance free siding, plus a ravine lot. Don't miss this one. Priced to Sell!! Water cost is \$16.00/month, taxes are \$51.00 for six months & land lease is \$241. per month.

Al Mayo* 286-1234 ex. 233

TWELVE MILE LAKE - \$599,000



STUNNING NEW LOG HOME on gentle lot tucked into a small bay of 12 Mile Lake with gentle hard sand waterfront. Features open concept living room with vaulted ceilings and loft. Outside has huge covered porch back & front with gable windows, newly finished with bsmt almost finished, heated bsmt floors (radiant).

Al Mayo* 286-1234 ex. 233

GOODERHAM LAKE - \$209,900



4 season, 3 bedroom home/cottage with 162' frontage, abuts a lovely stream, expansive southern view, ample parking, single garage, furnace, drilled well, nice new wrap around decking, dock plus loads more! Neat & clean spacious open concept design with several walkouts & wood airtight stove.

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CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD - \$154,900



Licensed sand and gravel pit - large acreage in Kinnmount area with large beaver pond - deeded access off Galway Road.

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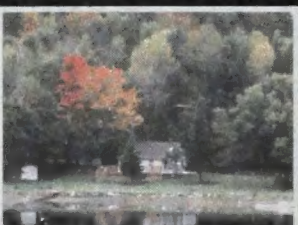
SPRING VALLEY ROAD - \$89,900



What a great place to build your dream home or cottage - boat into Minden or into prestigious Gull Lake. Nice sandy shoreline for swimming - hydro & bell available at the lot line. Call for more info today!

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HORSESHOE LAKE - \$359,900



1.1 acre waterfront parcel with 247 ft. frontage on beautiful Horseshoe Lake (2 lake chain). Superb access, conveniently located close to Minden Village & all amenities plus the beautiful 'White Water' reserve. Neat & clean 3 bdrm cottage ideal for current use & rental potential & comes fully furnished, ready to enjoy! Plus more.

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RICHIE FALLS - \$99,500



Burnt River Acreage. Large riverfront property. Mixed topography, evergreen & pine trees. Nice sized pond and 1300 feet on the Burnt River. Property abuts Ritchie Falls. Imagine river front living, listen to the Falls, and kayak the river, snowmobile, or ATV on the trail system. Two separate deeded lots divided by the rail trail. 2 - 13 acre lots. decking area, plus more.

Dan Roxborough* 286-1234 ext. 235

DRAG LAKE - \$1,495,000



UNIQUE post & beam w/ home on one of Haliburton's premiere lakes. Enjoy 748 feet of very private waterfront plus 73 acres. Great room features a floor to ceiling granite fireplace, custom designed kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and over 4000 sq ft of Luxury living. Family room overlooks private sheltered bay. Plus much more.

Larry Hussey* 286-1234, ext. 230

GRACE LAKE - \$875,000



Stunning log waterfront home or cottage located on one of Haliburton County's pretties lakes. A large det. log gar. with bdrm loft. Enjoy the hard sand shoreline & an inground spa plus ext decking. Features 4 bdrms, 3 baths, vaulted ceilings, open concept, floor to ceiling fireplace

Larry Hussey* 286-1234, ext. 230

CHARMING BUNGALOW - \$149,000



Nestled amongst the Pines sits charming 1 bdrm bungalow. Bright dining rm w/ lovely view of 1.46 acres from balcony. Ideal starter or retirement home, featuring a full bsmt w/ cozy family rm/rec-rm w/ wood stove, laundry, workshop & storage rm. Also has a detached 2 car gar. with workshop. Plus more.

Susan Johnson* 457-2414, ext. 44

OLD CAMERON ROAD - \$30,000



1.41 ACRE back lot on private road off Highway 35 and Sandy Bay Road - nicely treed building lot - old dug well on property - walking distance to Gull Lake.

Susan Johnson* 457-2414, ext. 44

GETAWAY CABIN - \$119,900



Great getaway cabin in the woods on 2.65 acres. Cozy up to the woodstove & enjoy the fresh country air. Newer siding, doors, windows & decking. New drilled well, steel roof & shutters. Partially landscaped with new evergreens & gardens, cedar rail fencing, gated with new circular gravel driveway. Plus more.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

LONG LAKE - \$439,900



Gorgeous lakefront cottage within 10 minutes of Haliburton Village w/ easy access on a yr rd municipally maintained rd. Bright open concept design w/ lge lakefront picture windows leading out to spacious decking for entertaining. Loaded w/ cozy pine finishings incl. log stairs. Well landscaped lot kept nicely treed for minimal maintenance, gently sloping to extensive decking & docking. Plus more.

Chris & Michelle Smolarz* 457-2414 ext. 22

BUCKSKIN LAKE - \$212,000



Beautiful Buckskin Lake. It is known for its great Rainbow & Lake Trout fishing, being 130 ft deep of clean spring fed water. Modest 3 bdrm cottage w/ pine cathedral ceiling & spacious covered decking make this a great place to relax. Natural & rugged, this is a well treed lot that does not require a lawnmower. Plus more.

Chris & Michelle Smolarz* 457-2414 ext. 22

IN TOWN HOME - \$339,900



Quality - custom built open concept 1,652 sq. ft. bungalow plus full partially fin. lower level home situated in prestigious Haliburton Village development with easy close access to Head Lake (5 lake chain). Beautiful well landscaped level lot overlooking undeveloped land featuring circular paved driveway, plus more.

Anthony van Lieshout** 457-2414 ext. 27

GOODERHAM LAKE - \$369,900



Wonderful yr rnd home or cottage with 176ft. of frontage on pristine Gooderham Lake. This great property offers everything you need & then some. Whether its swimming from the child friendly sand shoreline, entertaining guests on the lge deck or playing the traditional cottage games, there's plenty of fun outside for everyone on this large level 2.25 acre lot. Plus more.

Lorri Roberts* 457-2414 ext. 43

BRING ALL OFFERS - \$144,900



Neat & clean 3 + 1 bdrm home with partially finished lower level. Superb yr rnd municipal access, nice level lot w/ lots of parking, detached dble insulated gar. with heater! Features a stunning modern eat-in kitchen, formal living area, nice front deck area, high speed internet plus loads more! Numerous updates over the past 10 years! Contact listing agent for more information.

Lorri Roberts* 457-2414 ext. 43

KENNISIS LAKE - \$399,900



This is what a cottage is all about. Check out this well cared for 3 bedroom with open living/dining room across the front with a spectacular view of Kennisis Lake. This property is private, level and has a frontage of 200 feet facing north for sun all day.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel* 754-1932

PINE LAKE - \$195,000



Home / Cottage overlooking Pine Lake. This property owns land on the lake side of the Pine Lake Road. Very private property, even a couple of apple trees. Sandy swimming area. 3 bedrooms lots of kitchen cabinets, Pine and drywall. Basement for storage & possible family room etc. Oil furnace & drilled well make this a great home or cottage.

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